Panel on Education

List of outstanding items for discussion

(position as at 6 May 2011)

Proposed timing for discussion

1. Arts education in schools

At the meeting on 14 October 2010, members raised concern about the provision of resources for implementing arts education in primary and secondary schools. Members proposed to hold a joint meeting with the Panel on Home Affairs as the subject also fell within its purview. A joint meeting has been scheduled for 13 May 2011 to discuss "Promotion of arts and culture education in schools" and "Promotion of sports education in schools".

13 May 2011 (Joint Panel meeting)

2. Review of the Pre-primary Education Voucher Scheme ("PEVS")

The Administration will report to the Panel on its response to the Education Commission's Report on Review of PEVS. 13 June 2011

The Administration intends to submit the relevant funding proposal to the Finance Committee ("FC") on 8 July 2011.

3. After-school Learning Support Partnership Scheme

Item proposed by the Administration. As announced in the 2011-2012 Budget, the Administration proposed to allocate \$110 million to launch a three-year pilot After-school Learning Support Partnership Scheme to enlist tertiary students to provide after-school learning support for economically-disadvantaged primary students with academic needs. Subject to FC's approval, the Administration plans to launch the Scheme in the 2011-2012 school year.

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The Administration intends to submit the proposal to FC on 8 July 2011.

Proposed timing for discussion

4. Progress report of the implementation of the new academic structure ("NAS")

Item proposed by the Administration. The Administration 13 June 2011 will report on the progress on the learning and assessment under the NAS (students' subject choices, school-based related assessment. etc). issues to interface post-secondary and university education, support for schools, communication with various stakeholders, international recognition and evaluation and monitoring. The issues concerning the marking of the examination papers of Liberal Studies will be discussed in the context.

5. **Revitalizing vacant school premises**

Tai Po District Council members raised concern about revitalizing vacant school premises in Tai Po at its meeting with Legislative Council Members held on 3 June 2010. Members had made several suggestions concerning the effective use of vacant school premises and agreed that the subject of use of vacant school premises be referred to the Panel as well as the Panel on Home Affairs for follow up. The referral memo was circulated to members vide LC Paper No. CB(2)2197/09-10 on 24 August 2010.

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The Administration will brief members on the progress of disposing vacant school premises for school educational uses as well as the mechanism for releasing premises for other non-educational uses.

6. Review of Non-means-tested Loan Schemes – Stage II **Public Consultation**

Item proposed by the Administration. Phase 1 of the public consultation ended on 15 June 2010. seeks members' views on the proposals to improve the operation of the loan schemes for further consultation with the public under Phase 2.

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Proposed timing for discussion

7. Governance and administration of Direct Subsidy Scheme ("DSS") Schools

At the meeting on 14 March 2011, members agreed that the Panel would discuss the following issues relating to DSS schools -

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- (a) school fee remission/scholarship schemes;
- (b) student admission;
- (c) revision of school fee; and
- (d) governance, administration and financial management of DSS schools.

Members considered it necessary to discuss the pedagogy for Liberal Studies and the complaint handling mechanism in DSS schools in the context.

8. Report on the Higher Education Review 2010

At the meeting on 14 March 2011, members considered it necessary to discuss the views and concerns of the deputations on the Report and the Administration's response in this regard.

To be confirmed

9. Issues relating to the relocation of the centres of the Christian Zheng Sheng Association and development of rehabilitation centre-cum-schools

The Administration provided an information paper on the matter which was circulated to members vide LC Paper No. CB(2)2322/09-10 on 30 September 2010.

To be confirmed

At the meeting on 12 July 2010, members agreed that the Panel should discuss the matter depending on the progress of the Administration's discussion with Christian Zheng Sheng Association ("CZSA").

Proposed timing for discussion

At the meeting on 14 February 2011, the Panel passed a motion requesting the Administration to solve in the near future the problem concerning the relocation of the drug treatment and rehabilitation centres of CZSA. written response to the motion which was circulated to members vide LC Paper No. CB(2)1413/10-11 on 31 March 2011, the Administration advised that the Security Bureau is taking the lead in coordinating matters relating to the relocation of the drug treatment and rehabilitation centers of CZSA. The Administration also provided in its response a brief update on the Christian Zheng Sheng College's application for operating New Senior Secondary courses at its existing school premises in Ha Keng. In late Administration April 2011. the provided further information on the latest development of the matter (LC Paper Nos. CB(2)1636/10-11(01) and (02)).

10. Grievance procedures of the University Grants Committee-funded institutions

At the meeting on 12 July 2010, the UGC briefed members on the guidelines of best practices in redress mechanisms developed by the UGC having regard to the findings of the research on grievance procedures of 10 reputable overseas institutions and the responses of local institutions to these best practices. Members requested the UGC to provide updated complaint/grievance handling flow charts of individual institutions and the institutions' responses to the UGC's recommendations for the Panel to follow up.

The research report entitled "Complaint handling mechanism in higher education sector in selected places" prepared by the Research and Library Services Division of the Legislative Council Secretariat was circulated to members on 13 October 2010 vide LC Paper No. CB(2)32/10-11.

To be confirmed

Proposed timing for discussion

11. Matters relating to sex education in schools and sex crime committed by teachers

The subject on sex education in schools was proposed in the 2009-2010 session. It was proposed that schools should include sex education in the curriculum so as to provide correct information on sex to students. To be confirmed

At the meeting on 8 November 2010, members raised concern about sex crime committed by teachers and suggested that the Panel should discuss the matter.

12. International schools

At the meeting on 15 October 2009, members raised concern about student enrolment in international schools built on land granted by the Government. The Administration provided an information paper on the subject which was circulated to members on 2 December 2009 vide LC Paper No. CB(2)429/09-10.

To be confirmed

The Administration advised that to facilitate monitoring of the provision of public resources to international schools, it would conduct a comprehensive survey in the international school sector and keep track of the supply and demand of international school places. The Administration will brief the Panel upon the completion of the survey in 2011.

13. Integrated education

At the meeting on 14 October 2010, members agreed to follow up the provision of support and resources for the implementation of integrated education in mainstream schools.

To be confirmed

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