Panel on Home Affairs

List of outstanding items for discussion (as at 7 April 2011)

Proposed timing for discussion

1. Regulation of internet cafes

At the meeting on 11 June 2010, members passed a motion to urge the Government to study the regulation of internet cafes by way of a licensing regime and draw up a timetable for conducting the study. The Administration agreed to revert to the Panel on the subject after consultation with various stakeholders and the public.

April 2011

2. Matters relating to the Village Representative ("VR") Elections

At the informal meeting on 1 November 2010, the Administration advised that the next VR election would be held from early to mid January 2011, and upon the conclusion of the elections, it would revert to the Panel with the key features of the arrangements and outcome of the elections.

April 2011

3. Construction of a District Open Space, Sports Centre and Library in Area 74, Tseung Kwan O

The Administration advised that the Sai Kung District Council was consulted on the conceptual design of the project in September 2008, and on the completion of the detailed design, the Administration would seek the funding approval of the Finance Committee in mid-2011.

April 2011

The Administration proposed to discuss this item at the April meeting.

4. Monitoring of private recreational leases

Proposed timing for discussion

At the meeting on 9 July 2010, members agreed that the compliance with the conditions of government leases by private clubs should be discussed, as suggested by Hon Tanya CHAN.

May 2011

At the meeting on 14 October 2010, Hon Tanya CHAN suggested that the issue should be discussed no later than the end of 2010, as many of the government leases for private clubs would expire in 2011 or 2012.

At the meeting on 18 March 2011, members acceded to the Administration's request that the issue be deferred to the Panel meeting in May 2011, taking into account that it needed more time to complete the review on private recreational leases policy and would be unable to provide the review results at the April meeting.

5. Implementation of District Minor Works projects

At the informal meeting on 1 November 2010, the Administration proposed to brief the Panel on issues related to the implementation of District Minor Works projects, such as the manpower requirement and the provision for the maintenance of these projects.

May 2011

6. Vibrant people, harmonious community activities

At the informal meeting on 1 November 2010, the Administration proposed to brief the Panel on the implementation of the "Vibrant people, harmonious community activities" in the 18 districts.

May 2011

7. Promotion of arts, culture and sports education in schools

At the informal meeting on 1 November 2010, the Joint meeting

Proposed timing for discussion

Administration agreed to brief members on its initiatives to promotion arts and culture education.

with the Panel on Education scheduled for May 2011

Pursuant to members' decision at the meeting on 14 January 2011, the Panel will hold a joint meeting with the Panel on Education scheduled for May 2011 to discuss matters relating to the promotion of arts, culture and sports education in schools.

8. Strengthening the arts and cultural software of Hong Kong

At the meeting on 14 May 2010, members urged the Administration to review the level of subvention for performing arts groups. The Administration advised that a consultancy study had been commissioned to review the funding mechanism for performing arts to ensure the prudent use of public funds in a sustainable manner, to study the feasibility of introducing an "entry and exit" mechanism and providing a progression ladder for the performing arts sector for its flexible development, and to recommend what performing arts forms should fall within the subvention mechanism. The Administration agreed to revert to the Panel when the study was completed in 2011.

July 2011

9. Sports development in Hong Kong

Hon KAM Nai-wai suggested that issues relating to the timetable of the construction of sports venues, promotion of sports for all, and governance and monitoring of and funding for the National Sports Associations should be discussed at a Panel meeting in this session.

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10. Effective enforcement of maintenance orders

At the meeting on 11 June 2010, members noted the Administration's plan to consult the legal professional on the proposed legislative amendments to facilitate

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maintenance payees' collection of maintenance payment in the 4th quarter of 2010. Members agreed that public hearing should be conducted to listen to the views of deputations when the legislative proposals were presented to LegCo.

11. Development of public library services

At the special meeting with the Public Libraries Advisory Committee ("PLAC") on 14 June 2010, members welcomed the suggestion for the Panel and PLAC to meet again in the future to further exchange views on issue relating to the development of library services.

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12. Framework Agreement on Hong Kong/Guangdong Co-operation

At the meeting on 14 May 2010, Hon KAM Nai-wai suggested that initiatives under the purview of the Home Affairs Bureau in the Framework Agreement on Hong Kong/Guangdong Co-operation should be discussed.

To be confirmed

13. Community development services

At the meeting on 13 November 2009, Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che suggested that the provision of community development services, in particular those services provided by the Home Affairs Department in collaboration with the welfare sector, should be discussed.

To be confirmed

14. Burial policy relating to indigenous inhabitants

This item was referred to the Panel by the Complaints Division which had dealt with a complaint from a member of the public about the lack of monitoring of the construction of graves for indigenous inhabitants. The Duty Roster Member handling the case had requested the

To be confirmed

Panel to follow up with the Administration on the existing burial policy relating to indigenous inhabitants.

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