Panel on Home Affairs

List of outstanding items for discussion (as at 10 June 2011)

Proposed timing for discussion

1. 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.

June 2011

At the Panel meeting on 8 April 2011, members agreed to defer the discussion of this item to the regular meeting in June 2011.

2. Sports development in Hong Kong

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

June 2011

At the Panel meeting on 8 April 2011, members agreed to Hon KAM Nai-wai's suggestion of discussing the issues related to sports development in Hong Kong in June 2011.

3. Regulation of Property Management Industry

The public consultation exercise on the regulation of property management industry ended on 15 March 2011. The Administration would brief Members on the update of the matter in July 2011.

July 2011

4. 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 for the Framework Agreement on Hong Kong/Guangdong Co-operation should be discussed.

July 2011

5. 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 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.

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6. 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.

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7. Matters relating to nomination of representatives of Arts interests for the Hong Kong Arts Development Council ("HKADC")

At the meeting on 18 March 2011, members discussed matters relating to the work of HKADC and the nomination of representatives of Arts interests for HKADC. Members agreed that the Panel should invite deputations and the nomination agent to give views on the nomination of representatives of arts interests for HKADC, taking into consideration that it would facilitate HKADC and the Administration to conduct a review on the nomination exercise.

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8. 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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9. Monitoring of Private Recreational Leases ("PRLs")

At the meeting on 13 May 2011, the Administration advised members that they had reviewed the extent to which organizations operating under PRLs could be open to outside bodies and briefed members on the conclusions of its review.

To be confirmed

Members raised their views on the Administration's proposals relating to the access requirements and the conditions of PRLs, and considered that the Administration should conduct a comprehensive review on PRLs. At members' request, the Administration agreed to revert to the Panel on the subject matter.

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

At the meeting on 8 April 2011, the Administration advised that to identify room for improvement for the

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conduct of future VR Elections, the Administration would conduct a review on the 2011 VR Elections. Some members suggested inviting deputations to give views on the subject.

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

The Panel held a joint meeting with the Panel on Education on 13 May 2011 to discuss matters on the promotion of arts, culture and sports education in schools. Members agreed that another joint Panel meeting should be held to further discuss the matters.

To be confirmed

12. 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

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

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14. Gambling policy and gambling-related issues

The Panel received a submission from a member of the public on concern about advertisements displayed in the Hong Kong's MTR station on the promotion of casinos in To be confirmed

Macau (the submission was circulated to members vide LC Paper No. CB(2)1920/10-11(01) on 30 May 2011). With the concurrence of the Panel Chairman, the subject of the gambling policy and gambling-related issues has been added to the list of outstanding items for discussion.

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