

Panel on Development

List of outstanding items for discussion (Position as at 15 December 2011)

Proposed timing for discussion/Remarks

1. **Kowloon East Development Office**

Further to introducing the initiative of energizing Kowloon East to the Panel on 19 December 2011, the Administration intends to seek the Panel's support for setting up the Kowloon East Development Office, including the proposed staffing structure and timing.

January 2012

The Administration plans to submit the proposal to the Establishment Subcommittee ("ESC") and the Finance Committee ("FC") in February and April 2012 respectively.

2. **Review on the work of the Development Opportunities Office under the Development Bureau**

The Administration consulted the Panel on the establishment of the Development Opportunities Office in April 2009 and undertook to review the performance and effectiveness of the Office before deciding on the long-term arrangements for it. The Administration will report the results and recommendations of the review to the Panel.

January 2012

3. **Creation of a post in the Lands Unit of the Planning and Lands Branch of the Development Bureau**

The Administration intends to brief the Panel on the proposed creation of one Administrative Officer Staff Grade C post (D2) to strengthen the support at the directorate level in the Planning and Lands

January 2012

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discussion/Remarks**

Branch of the Development Bureau. The proposal will be submitted to ESC and FC in May 2012.

4. PWP Item No. 4152CD - Drainage improvement works in upper Lam Tsuen River, She Shan River, upper Tai Po River, Ping Long and Kwun Hang

The Administration intends to seek funding support from the Panel for increasing the approved estimates for the above project to cover the additional costs arising mainly from increase in contract price fluctuation payments, unforeseen additional works on flood relief measures, and additional site supervision costs. It plans to submit the proposal to the Public Works Subcommittee and FC in February and April 2012 respectively.

January 2012

5. Environmentally friendly linkage system for the Kai Tak Development

The Administration intends to brief the Panel on the findings of the feasibility study on the above system.

1st Quarter of 2012

6. Proposed amendments to Building (Standards of Sanitary Fitments, Plumbing, Drainage Works and Latrines) Regulations

The Administration intends to introduce to members the proposed amendments to the Building (Standards of Sanitary Fitments, Plumbing, Drainage Works and Latrines) Regulations, including the provision of female sanitary facilities. The Administration intends to submit the subsidiary legislation in due course.

1st Quarter of 2012

7. Seismic effects on buildings in Hong Kong

The Administration intends to introduce to members the recommendations of the Buildings Department's consultancy study on seismic effects on buildings in

First half of 2012

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discussion/Remarks**

Hong Kong and the proposed way forward. The Administration intends to submit the subsidiary legislation in due course.

8. North East New Territories New Development Areas Planning and Engineering Study

The subject was proposed by Hon LEE Wing-tat. He expressed concern about the proposed comprehensive development and nature conservation enhancement area in the Kwu Tung North New Development Area Preliminary Outline Development Plan.

Mid-2012

The Panel discussed the subject of "Planning and Engineering Study on North East New Territories New Development Areas (NENT NDAs) (Stage One Public Engagement)" at the meeting on 25 November 2008. The Administration briefed the Panel on the Preliminary Outline Development Plans in the Stage Two Public Engagement at the meeting on 24 November 2009.

The Administration provided an update on the NENT NDAs Planning and Engineering Study in its supplementary note on the Planning and Engineering Study on Development of Lok Ma Chau Loop -- Investigation -- Stage One Public Engagement (LC Paper No. CB(1)735/10-11(04)) in December 2010.

9. Review of the functions of the Town Planning Board and related issues

At the meeting with Legislative Council Members on 29 November 2005, Heung Yee Kuk Councillors raised concern about the mechanism to check and balance the powers of the Town Planning Board. The relevant extract from the minutes of the meeting was circulated to members vide LC Paper No. CB(1)700/05-06 on 13 January 2006.

To be decided
(Note)

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discussion/Remarks**

At the Panel meeting on 14 October 2008, Hon Tanya CHAN, Hon Cyd HO and Hon Abraham SHEK expressed views that issues related to the review of the functions of the Town Planning Board, town planning procedures, and secretariat support for the Town Planning Board should be discussed.

Note: The Administration has advised that review of the Town Planning Ordinance is not a priority of the Development Bureau and thus has not been factored into its current work plan.

10. Small house policy and rural planning strategy

The subject was proposed by Hon CHAN Kam-lam at the meeting on 11 October 2007. A letter from the Chief Secretary for Administration in reply to the Public Accounts Committee (LC Paper No. CB(1)130/07-08(01)) providing information about the progress of the Small House Policy review was circulated to members on 25 October 2007.

To be decided
(Note)

At the meeting with Legislative Council Members on 8 January 2009, Heung Yee Kuk Councillors raised concern about the arrangements regarding Small House applications by descendents of indigenous villagers after village removal. The relevant documents (LC Paper No. CB(1)935/08-09(02)) were circulated to members on 2 March 2009.

At the meeting of the Panel on 13 October 2011, Hon CHAN Kam-lam urged that the Administration should update the Panel on the subject. Hon Albert CHAN proposed that the discussion should also cover the Government's rural planning strategy.

**Proposed timing for
discussion/Remarks**

Note: The Administration has advised that more time is required for its internal deliberation on the subject and thus it would not be ready to discuss the subject in the near future.

11. Heritage conservation -- preservation of historic buildings under private ownership

On 24 October 2011, the Antiquities Authority announced her intention to declare Ho Tung Gardens a monument under the Antiquities and Monuments Ordinance.

To be decided
(Note)

A land exchange proposal offered by the Government in May 2011 for preserving Ho Tung Gardens, a historic building with Grade One status, was not accepted by the owner.

At the meeting of the Panel on 25 October 2011, Hon Cyd HO suggested that the Administration should discuss with the Panel the issues relating to preservation of historic buildings under private ownership, including the criteria for setting development restrictions for the sites (if any) offered to owners in exchange.

Note: The Administration will update the Panel on the progress of a number of heritage conservation initiatives in February 2012.