

Panel on Education

List of outstanding items for discussion
(position as at 14 May 2012)

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for discussion |
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| 1. Start-up Loan for post-secondary education providers | | |
| | Item proposed by the Administration. The Administration will consult members on start-up loan applications from post-secondary institutions. The Administration aims to submit the proposal to the Finance Committee in July 2012. | 11 June 2012 |
| 2. Use and disposal of 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(01) on 24 August 2010. | 11 June 2012 |
| | The Administration will report to the Panel on the latest position on the use and disposal of vacant school premises, including the proposed allocation of vacant school premises for international school development. | |
| 3. Applied Learning in new senior secondary curriculum | | |
| | Item proposed by the Administration. The Administration will report to members the progress in implementing Applied Learning in the new senior secondary curriculum. | 11 June 2012 |
| 4. Integrated education | | |
| | At the meeting on 14 October 2010, members agreed to follow up the provision of support and resources for the | To be
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implementation of integrated education in mainstream schools.

At the meeting on 13 October 2011, members reiterated the need for the Panel to discuss the matter. It was also proposed that the support for non-Chinese speaking students with special educational needs ("SEN") be discussed in the context of integrated education.

At the meeting on 12 March 2012, members considered that the provision of support for students with SEN in post-secondary institutions and the training of talents to enhance the specialist services (such as speech therapy, educational psychology service) for students with SEN should also be covered in the discussion on integrated education.

5. Review on the subvention arrangements for the English Schools Foundation ("ESF")

At the meeting on 11 July 2011, members noted the Administration's plan to put into effect the new subvention arrangements for ESF from the 2012-2013 school year. The Administration informed the Panel that it intended to report to the Panel on its proposal on the subvention arrangements for ESF by the end of 2011.

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The Administration has advised on 11 May 2012 that discussion with ESF is going on and it will report the progress to the Panel later in the year of 2012.

6. 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(01) on 30 September 2010.

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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").

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. In its written response to the motion which was circulated to members vide LC Paper No. CB(2)1413/10-11(01) 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 April 2011, the Administration provided further information on the latest development of the matter (LC Paper Nos. CB(2)1636/10-11(01) and (02)).

7. Grievance procedures of the University Grants Committee ("UGC")-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.

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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.

UGC provided an update of the UGC-funded institutions' response to the UGC's recommendations on the

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grievance/complaint handling procedures and the updated grievances/complaint handling flow charts of individual institutions which was circulated to members vide LC Paper No. CB(2)2407/10-11(01) on 18 July 2011.

8. 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.

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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.

9. Issues relating to the declining secondary student population

At the meeting on 12 December 2011, members raised concern about whether there would be significant reduction in the number of classes and closure of secondary schools in the 2012-2013 academic year given the declining secondary student population. Members suggested that the Panel should discuss the relevant issues.

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10. Native-speaking English Teacher Scheme

Hon Mrs Regina IP wrote to the Panel Chairman on 20 February 2012 [LC Paper No. CB(2)1170/11-12(01)] proposing that the Panel should discuss the Native-speaking English Teacher Scheme for primary schools. At the meeting on 12 March 2012, members agreed that the subject matter be included in the Panel's list of outstanding items for discussion.

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11. Issues relating to examination questions of Liberal Studies ("LS") in the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education ("HKDSE") Examination

Hon WONG Yuk-man wrote to the Panel Chairman on 2 April 2012 [LC Paper No. CB(2)1648/11-12(01)] proposing that the Panel should discuss issues relating to examination questions of LS in HKDSE Examination. At the meeting on 20 April 2012, members agreed that the subject matter be included in the Panel's list of outstanding items for discussion.

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