

Panel on Economic Development

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

**Proposed
timing for
discussion**

**Policy issues under Commerce and Economic Development
Bureau**

1. Funding proposal for the construction of a station for the new weather radar of the Hong Kong Observatory

The Hong Kong Observatory is acquiring replacement weather radar that provides windshear alerts. The Administration intends to seek, in due course, funding approval for constructing a station housing the new radar. A related submission from a concern group and the Administration's response have been issued for members' information on 31 August 2010 vide LC Paper Nos. CB(1)2786/09-10(01) and (02).

November/
December 2011

2. Manpower resources for overseeing consumer protection policies

The Administration originally intends to consult members on the manpower resources requirements for overseeing consumer protection policies.

Proposed to be
deleted

3. Lei Yue Mun Waterfront Enhancement Project

With a view to enhancing the attractiveness of Lei Yue Mun (LYM) as a popular tourism spot through further improving the facilities along the LYM waterfront area, the Administration will consult members on the LYM Waterfront Enhancement Project and seek the Panel's support for the proposal.

To be confirmed

4. Overall planning of tourism infrastructures

At the meeting of the Panel on Development (DEV Panel) on 14 October 2010, Hon Paul TSE cited the effort of the government of Singapore in the recent development of Sentosa into a tourist attraction as an example and commented that the Administration should not rely on the initiatives of the commercial sector for the long-term planning of tourism

To be confirmed

infrastructures but take the lead in the overall planning of tourism infrastructure in Hong Kong.

The Chairman of the Panel on Economic Development agreed to include the item in this list as planning of tourism infrastructure is led by the Commerce and Economic Development Bureau and should be discussed at the Panel on Economic Development.

5. Annual Report 2009-2010 of the Competition Policy Advisory Group

On 17 December 2010, the Competition Policy Advisory Group published its 12th annual report which reviewed the complaints received in 2009-2010 and outlined the progress of investigation and follow-up actions taken. Hon Emily LAU suggested to include the item on the list for discussion.

To be confirmed

Policy issues under Transport and Housing Bureau

6. Pilotage (Dues) (Amendment) Order 2011

The Administration will brief the Panel on a proposal to increase the pilotage dues as agreed between the provider and users of pilotage services.

October 2011

7. Replacement / upgrading of Vessel Traffic Service System

The Administration intends to brief members on its proposal to replace / upgrade the existing Vessel Traffic Service System to ensure effective monitoring and regulation of marine traffic and safe navigation of vessels in Hong Kong waters.

November 2011

8. Fitting-Out works for Government facilities associated with Midfield Expansion Project at Hong Kong International Airport

The Administration plans to seek members' views on the Government's plan to upgrade the proposed project to Category A before submitting the funding proposal to Public Works Subcommittee and Finance Committee.

Fourth Quarter
of 2011

**Proposed
timing for
discussion**

9. Hong Kong International Airport Master Plan 2030

At the meeting on 19 July 2011, Hon Emily LAU and the Chairman requested the Administration and Airport Authority Hong Kong (AA) to brief the Panel on the outcome of the consultation on the Hong Kong International Airport Master Plan 2030 and the way forward.

First Quarter of
2012

10. Proposed enactment of a new regulation under the Merchant Shipping (Seafarers) Ordinance and amendments to other existing regulations

The International Labour Organization (ILO) adopted the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006 (MLC 2006) to consolidate and update over 60 ILO instruments relating to the working conditions and welfare of seafarers. MLC 2006 is expected to commence operation 12 months after 30 countries have ratified it. The Administration proposes to update the relevant local legislation to prepare for the implementation of MLC 2006.

Second Half of
2012

11. Proposed provision of customs, immigration and quarantine (CIQ) facilities for SkyPier of the Hong Kong International Airport

The Administration originally planned to brief the Panel on the proposal before seeking funding approval from the Public Works Subcommittee and Finance Committee. In reply to a LegCo question from Hon Abraham SHEK on 9 March 2011, the Administration indicated that after considering the relevant factors, AA has concluded that the provision of the CIQ facilities will not increase the usage of the SkyPier services by transit passengers and it has decided not to pursue the proposal.

Proposed to be
deleted

12. Implementing the National Twelfth Five-year Plan: Logistics Development

At the meeting on 28 March 2011, Hon Miriam LAU requested the Administration to brief the Panel on the implementation of the National Twelfth Five-year (12-5) Plan, in particular further development of Hong Kong as a shipping centre and logistics hub.

To be confirmed

13. Development of seaplane service and mooring areas for pleasure vessels

At the meeting on 15 October 2009, Hon Albert CHAN requested the Administration to explore and discuss with the Panel the development of seaplane service between Hong Kong and other cities in the region, as well as the provision of more mooring areas for pleasure vessels, having regard to the demand for the facilities and in the light of overseas experiences.

To be confirmed

Policy issues under the Environment Bureau**14. Annual tariff reviews with the two power companies**

Pursuant to the Scheme of Control Agreements (SCAs) with the two power companies, a Tariff Review will be conducted by the Government and the respective power company towards the end of each year. The two power companies will announce their tariff for 2012 after the review and explain their cases to the Panel if there is any adjustment.

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