Panel on Home Affairs

List of outstanding items for discussion (as at 12 January 2012)

Proposed timing for discussion

1. Use of public open space

At the meeting on 13 October 2011, Hon Cyd HO suggested that to tie in with the development of the West Kowloon Cultural District and to promote arts and culture, the Government's policy on the use of public open space managed by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department should be discussed.

January 2012

The Administration proposes to discuss this item in January 2012.

2. Governance and monitoring of and funding for the National Sports Associations ("NSAs")

At the informal meeting on 24 October 2011, Hon KAM Nai-wai suggested that issues relating to governance and monitoring of and funding for the NSAs should be revisited at a Panel meeting in this session. The Administration proposed that the subject be discussed in June 2012. (The proposed timing is changed from June 2012 to January 2012.)

January 2012

3. To organize a long term exhibition on Bruce Lee at the Hong Kong Heritage Museum

The Administration proposes this item. This special exhibition will feature the life and achievements of Bruce Lee from cultural perspectives. With exhibits drawn from family members, friends and collectors, the different roles, icons and identities of the late Bruce Lee,

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as a Kung-fu master and a film actor in Hong Kong and the international arena, will be examined and his impact on the art of Kung-fu and creative industries will be featured.

4. Monthly tickets for use of public swimming pools

The Administration proposes this item and plans to consult the Panel on the proposed arrangement for monthly tickets for the use of public swimming pools in 2012-2013.

February 2012

5. 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 Macau (the submission was circulated to members vide LC Paper No. CB(2)1920/10-11(01) on 30 May 2011). The Panel Chairman agreed to include the subject of the gambling policy and gambling-related issues in the list of outstanding items for discussion.

March 2012

At the informal meeting on 24 October 2011, the Administration proposed to brief the Panel on measures to address gambling-related problems in March 2012.

6. Review of the funding mechanism for major performing arts group

The Administration proposes to brief the Panel on the findings and recommendations of the Research Study on a New Funding Mechanism for Major Performing Arts Group in Hong Kong, and the follow-up measures to be adopted by the Government.

April 2012

7. Infrastructure works for West Kowloon Cultural District Phase 1 – design and site investigation

The Administration proposes this item. The item covers the design and site investigation for the public infrastructure works be undertaken to Government, which are essential for commissioning of the Phase 1 facilities of the West Kowloon Cultural from District in stages starting 2015. Administration plans to upgrade this item to Category A of Public Works Programme in mid-2012.

April 2012

8. Development of the multi-purpose stadium complex at Kai Tak

At the meeting on 13 October 2011, members agreed that the Panel should discuss matters relating to the development of the multi-purpose stadium complex at Kai Tak and the Government's strategy for developing cultural, leisure and water sports activities in East Kowloon.

May 2012

At the informal meeting on 24 October 2011, the Administration proposed that the subject be discussed in May 2012.

9. Expansion and improvement of Wanchai Campus of the Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts ("HKAPA")

At the informal meeting between the Chairman / Deputy Chairman and the Secretary for Home Affairs on 24 October 2011, the Administration proposed to consult the Panel on the above capital works project which aims to relieve the existing space shortage problem of HKAPA and to meet the growing space requirements arising from the implementation of a four-year undergraduate degree structure in HKAPA starting from

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the 2012-2013 academic year.

10. 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.

June 2012

At the meeting on 13 October 2011, Hon KAM Nai-wai suggested that the Administration should update the Panel on the implementation of the trial book drop service for people to return borrowed library books at three major MTR interchange stations and the way forward.

At the informal meeting on 24 October 2011, the Administration proposed that the subject be discussed in May 2012. (The proposed timing is changed from May 2012 to June 2012.)

11. Regulation of the property management industry

At the meeting of 8 July 2011, the Administration briefed the Panel on the key parameters for the licensing regime to be introduced for the property management industry. The Administration has already established the advisory committee to work out the details of the regime and the new legislation.

June 2012

The Panel will be briefed on the work progress of the advisory committee in June 2012.

12. 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 in 2010. Members agreed that the Panel should invite deputations and the nomination agent to give views on the nomination exercise to facilitate HKADC and the Administration to conduct a review on the exercise.

To be confirmed

13. Monitoring of Private Recreational Leases ("PRLs")

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

To be confirmed

At members' request, the Administration consulted members on its proposed arrangement for processing renewal of PRLs at the Panel meeting on 8 July 2011. The Panel passed a motion urging the Government, inter alia, to renew PRLs for three to five years, and to review the terms and conditions of such leases for allowing greater access to the grantees' facilities by the general public before further renewing their leases.

At the informal meeting on 24 October 2011, the Administration was requested to provide a paper to update the Panel on the development of the subject. The Administration's response is awaited.

14. 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 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.

To be confirmed

15. 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

16. 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

17. 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.

Action Completed

At the informal meeting on 24 October 2011, the

Administration was requested to provide a paper on its burial policy relating to indigenous inhabitants to facilitate members' consideration of whether to discuss the matter at the Panel meeting.

The Administration has given the information to the Panel on Home Affairs through a letter issued to the Clerk to Panel on 28 November 2011. The Administration's response was issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(2)458/11-12(01) on 1 December 2011.

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