Panel on Home Affairs

List of outstanding items for discussion (as at 9 February 2012)

Proposed timing for discussion

1. Exhibition on Bruce Lee at the Hong Kong Heritage Museum

The Administration proposes this item. This special February 2012 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, 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.

2. Monthly tickets for use of public swimming pools

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

3. 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.

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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.

4. Intangible Cultural Heritage

The Administration proposes to brief the Panel on the March 2012 efforts made by the Government to support the preservation, promotion and transmission of Hong Kong's intangible cultural heritage, in particular the development of Cantonese opera.

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

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

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

At the informal meeting between the Chairman / Deputy April 2012 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 the 2012-2013 academic year.

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

The Administration proposes to brief the Panel on the May 2012 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.

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

At the meeting on 13 October 2011, members agreed that May 2012 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.

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

9. Development of public library services

At the special meeting with the Public Libraries June 2012 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.

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.)

10. Regulation of the property management industry

At the meeting of 8 July 2011, the Administration June 2012 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.

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

11. 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 To be confirmed 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.

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

At the meeting on 13 May 2011, the Administration To be confirmed 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.

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.

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

At the meeting on 8 April 2011, the Administration To be confirmed 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.

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

The Panel held a joint meeting with the Panel on To be confirmed Education on 13 May 2011 to discuss matters on the

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promotion of arts, culture and sports education in schools. Members agreed that another joint Panel meeting should be held to further discuss the matters.

15. Community development services

At the meeting on 13 November 2009, Hon CHEUNG To be confirmed 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.

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