Panel on Home Affairs

List of outstanding items for discussion (as at 10 May 2012)

Proposed timing for discussion

1. 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.

June 2012

2. 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.)

3. 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 July 2012

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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. (The proposed timing is changed from May 2012 to July 2012.)

4. 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.

July 2012

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

5. 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

6. 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

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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.

7. 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

8. 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

9. Community development services

At the meeting on 13 November 2009, Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che suggested that the provision of community

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development services, in particular those services provided by the Home Affairs Department in collaboration with the welfare sector, should be discussed.

10. Review of Places of Public Entertainment Ordinance (Cap. 172)

At the request of the Subcommittee on Places of Public Entertainment (Exemption) (Amendment) Order 2011, the Administration undertook to convey members' concern and suggestions on reviewing the Places of Public Entertainment Ordinance, including narrowing down the scope of "public entertainment" and "place of public entertainment" therein, to the relevant policy bureaux for consideration. The Subcommittee agreed that issues relating to the review of the Ordinance should be referred to the Panel for follow-up. Members' views and the Administration's response on the subject were detailed in paragraphs 27 and 28 of the Subcommittee's report [LC Paper No. CB(2)1152/11-12].

To be confirmed

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