

Panel on Home Affairs

**List of outstanding items for discussion
(as at 12 October 2011)**

**Proposed timing
for discussion**

1. Creation of a supernumerary directorate post in the Home Affairs Department to support the initiatives of regulation of property management industry and review of the Building Management Ordinance

To take forward the initiatives of introducing a regulatory regime for the property management industry and reviewing the Building Management Ordinance, the Administration proposes to create a time-limited supernumerary Administrative Officer Staff Grade C post in the Home Affairs Department for a period of three years.

November 2011

2. Effective enforcement of maintenance orders

At the meeting on 11 June 2010, members noted the Administration's plan to consult the legal professional on the proposed legislative amendments to facilitate maintenance payees' collection of maintenance payment in the 4th quarter of 2010. Members agreed that public hearing should be conducted to listen to the views of deputations when the legislative proposals were presented to LegCo. The Administration plans to brief the Panel on the progress of legislative amendments in March 2012.

March 2012

3. Strengthening the arts and cultural software of Hong Kong

**Proposed timing
for discussion**

At the meeting on 14 May 2010, members urged the Administration to review the level of subvention for performing arts groups. The Administration advised that a consultancy study had been commissioned to review the funding mechanism for performing arts to ensure the prudent use of public funds in a sustainable manner, to study the feasibility of introducing an "entry and exit" mechanism and providing a progression ladder for the performing arts sector for its flexible development, and to recommend what performing arts forms should fall within the subvention mechanism. The Administration agreed to revert to the Panel when the study was completed in 2011.

1st quarter of
2012

4. 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. Members agreed that the Panel should invite deputations and the nomination agent to give views on the nomination of representatives of arts interests for HKADC, taking into consideration that it would facilitate HKADC and the Administration to conduct a review on the nomination exercise.

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5. 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.

It is planned to
hold the meeting
in June 2012.

**Proposed timing
for discussion**

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 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.

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

To be confirmed

**Proposed timing
for discussion**

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.

9. 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

10. 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.

To be confirmed

11. 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.

To be confirmed

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