Panel on Home Affairs

List of outstanding items for discussion (as at 14 June 2012)

Proposed timing for discussion

1. 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.

To be confirmed

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.)

At the request of the Administration and with the concurrence of the Chairman, the discussion of the subject scheduled for the meeting on 19 June 2012 has been deferred. The information paper on update on the development of public library services provided by the Administration [LC Paper No. CB(2)2272/11-12] has been circulated to members on 5 June 2012.

2. 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

To be confirmed

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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 a future meeting.)

3. 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

4. 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

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update the Panel on the development of the subject. The Administration's response is awaited.

5. 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

6. 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

7. 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

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

At the request of the Subcommittee on Places of Public Entertainment (Exemption) (Amendment) Order 2011,

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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].

9. Review on Heung Yee Kuk and Rural Committee elections

When scrutinizing Legislation the Electoral (Miscellaneous Amendment) Bill 2012, the Bills Committee raised concern about the penalty for the offence of non-compliance with the requirements on election advertisements in respect of Heung Yee Kuk and The Administration Committee elections. advised the Bills Committee that the Home Affairs Bureau would conduct a review regarding these elections and would brief the Panel of the result of the review. Members' views and the Administration's response on the subject were detailed in paragraphs 29 to 33 of the report Committee ΓLC of the Bills Paper CB(2)1897/11-12].

To be confirmed

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