

Panel on Economic Development

List of outstanding items for discussion
(position as at 19 March 2013)

**Proposed
timing for
discussion**

**Policy issues under Commerce and Economic Development
Bureau**

1. Report on the progress of development of the new cruise terminal project at Kai Tak

The Administration will update the Panel on the latest progress of the new cruise terminal project in Kai Tak before its commissioning in mid-2013, the commissioning arrangements and the initiatives to promote cruise tourism.

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2. Review of the Operation and Regulatory Framework of the Tourism Sector

As requested by Hon SIN Chung-kai at the meeting on 16 October 2012, the Administration will brief the Panel on the latest development on the review of the operation and regulatory framework of the tourism sector.

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3. Lei Yue Mun Waterfront Enhancement Project

The Administration proposes to enhance the attractiveness of Lei Yue Mun (LYM) as a popular tourism spot through further improving the facilities along the LYM waterfront area. The Administration plans to consult the Panel on the proposed project within 2013, to be followed by submission to the Public Works Subcommittee and Finance Committee for funding approval.

To be confirmed

At the meeting on 16 October 2012, Hon Paul TSE requested that the Administration should brief the Panel on the project as soon as practicable.

4. Overall planning of tourism infrastructures and relevant support measures

At the meeting of the Panel on Development on 14 October 2010, Hon Paul TSE cited the effort of the government of Singapore in the development of Sentosa into a tourist attraction and commented that the Administration should take the lead instead of relying on the initiatives of the commercial sector in the overall planning of tourism infrastructure in Hong Kong.

To be confirmed

Hon Jeffrey LAM, Chairman of the Panel on Economic Development in the 2011-2012 session, agreed to include the item in this list as planning of tourism infrastructure is led by the Commerce and Economic Development Bureau and should be discussed at the Panel on Economic Development.

The Administration has been requested to report on the progress in developing new tourist attractions and, where appropriate, on measures being taken to address concerns about taxi scams, the operation of the SkyPier and the Security Bureau's Outbound Travel Alert System.

At the meeting on 16 October 2012, Hon CHAN Han-pan requested that the Administration should provide information on the development of ancillary facilities for the various tourist spots. The Administration advised that it would include details of the relevant ancillary facilities when it briefed the Panel on individual tourism projects, e.g. the cruise terminal at Kai Tak, the Ocean Park and Hong Kong Disneyland projects.

5. Policies and measures for tackling anti-competitive activities to ensure a level playing field

Proposed by Hon Ronny TONG at the meeting on 28 November 2011. He was concerned about the widely reported incident in which large supermarket chains allegedly forced suppliers of beverage products to withhold their supplies to small retailers which sold these products to consumers at low prices. Panel members opined that there should be policies and measures for dealing with similar incidents and for ensuring a level playing field for large and small firms to conduct their business in Hong Kong. Members considered it necessary to invite the Administration as well as deputations from suppliers, retailers

To be confirmed

and the Consumer Council to a Panel meeting to give views in this regard.

6. Annual Report 2009-2010 of the Competition Policy Advisory Group

On 17 December 2010, the Competition Policy Advisory Group published its 12th annual report which reviewed the complaints received in 2009-2010 and outlined the progress of investigation and follow-up actions taken. Hon Emily LAU suggested to include the item on the list for discussion. To be confirmed

7. Protection of the interest of consumers using telecommunication services

Proposed by Hon TANG Ka-piu who expressed concern about complaints against undesirable trade practices of some telecommunication service providers. At the Panel meeting on 25 February 2013, members agreed to include the item on the list for discussion. To be confirmed

8. Development of retail facilities for visitors

Proposed by Hon Michael TIEN at the Panel meeting on 25 February 2013 to study the development of integrated hotels and shopping malls in Northwest New Territories or Lantau Island to cater for the need for additional business floor areas for the retail industry arising from the significant increase in visitor arrivals from the Mainland and to promote employment in local communities. To be confirmed

Policy issues under Transport and Housing Bureau

9. Implementing the National Twelfth Five-year Plan: Logistics Development

At the meeting on 28 March 2011, Hon Miriam LAU requested the Administration to brief the Panel on the implementation of the National Twelfth Five-year (12-5) Plan, in particular further development of Hong Kong as a shipping centre and logistics hub. 2nd quarter 2013

At the meeting on 16 October 2012, Hon Michael TIEN requested that the Administration should provide information on the comparison of the logistics facilities of Hong Kong and other cities in the Pearl River Delta.

10. Development of a logistics cluster in Kwai Tsing area

Proposed at the meeting on 13 October 2011 by Hon Miriam LAU, who expressed concern about the slow progress in developing the cluster as reported in the 2011-2012 Policy Address.

To be confirmed

11. Proposed amendments to the Scheme of Airport Charges

Proposed by Hon LEE Wing-tat who opined that consideration should be given to improving the Scheme of Airport Charges (the Scheme) with a view to minimizing the noise impact of aircraft on the neighbourhoods of the HKIA. In response, the Administration advised that there was a need to exercise care in introducing amendments to the Scheme lest they would affect Hong Kong's competitiveness as an aviation hub. Moreover, the construction of the third runway, if taken forward, would also help mitigate aircraft noise impact.

To be confirmed
(see Note)

(Note: The Airport Authority Hong Kong was conducting the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) on the development of the three-runway system, which would look into environmental-related issues, including aircraft noise. It was not necessary to discuss the Scheme of Airport Charges as a standalone item. The Administration therefore proposed to discuss this item together with matters on the proposed Third Runway Project when more information on the EIA was available.)

12. Pilot scheme on cross-boundary sailing for pleasure vessels

Proposed by Hon Tanya CHAN and Hon Emily LAU at the meeting on 26 March 2012. The Administration agreed to keep members posted of the progress of the scheme, and consult the public and the Panel on the finalized scheme details before its implementation.

To be confirmed

Policy issues under the Environment Bureau**13. Power supply and impact of fuel cost on electricity tariffs**

Proposed by Hon Fred LI and Hon Emily LAU at the meeting on 28 May 2012 who referred to the statement made by CLP Holdings Limited at its annual general meeting on 8 May 2012 on the impact of fuel cost on electricity tariff. They proposed to examine the following matters: transparency of the mechanism of including the cost of natural gas in the adjustment of electricity tariffs, the planned increase in the ratio of natural gas for power generation, adequacy of the natural gas supply, changes in the carbon emissions standards which the two power companies had to meet and hence, changes in their investment and development plans, the Governemnt's role in this regard, etc.

To be confirmed

At the Panel meeting on 11 July 2012, Hon Emily LAU further proposed that the wider issue of power supply should be jointly examined by all relevant Panels instead of being separately discussed by different Panels each focusing on their respective concerns. According to her, the approach would have the benefit of ensuring all associated factors, including the health impact of air pollution associated with power generation, would be examined holistically.

14. Operation of the local fuel market in a "fast price hike but slow price slash" manner

Proposed by Hon Starry LEE and Hon WONG Ting-kwong at the meeting on 13 October 2011. Hon WONG Ting-kwong, in particular, opined that the Administration should examine and explain whether the Competition Bill then under scrutiny could address concerns in this regard.

To be confirmed