

**Panel on Economic Development**

**List of outstanding items for discussion**  
(position as at 20 November 2012)

**Proposed  
timing for  
discussion**

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

**1. Draft guidelines and other enforcement matters in respect of the fair trading provisions in the Trade Descriptions Ordinance (Cap. 362)**

The Commissioner of Customs and Excise and the Communications Authority may issue enforcement guidelines in respect of the new fair trading provisions in the Trade Descriptions Ordinance (Cap. 362). The Administration will consult the Panel on the guidelines in draft form and report the latest progress of related enforcement matters.

December 2012  
(originally  
scheduled for  
November 2012.  
See Note.)

Hon TANG Ka-piu requested at the meeting on 16 October 2012 that the Administration should brief the Panel regarding way forward for the cooling-off period arrangements, which had not been provided in the TDO (Cap. 362).

(Note: The Administration advised on 30 October 2012 that more time was needed to prepare the guidelines and consult the trades.)

**2. Proposed creation of a permanent post of Judge of Court of First Instance (JSPS Point 16), and a permanent post of Deputy Registrar, High Court (JSPS Point 13)**

The Administration will seek the Panel's support for the proposed creation of two judicial posts in the Judiciary for the establishment of the Competition Tribunal. The Administration plans to submit the funding proposal to the Establishment Subcommittee and the Finance Committee in January 2013.

December 2012

**3. Ocean Park's Tai Shue Wan Development Project**

The Administration intends to brief the Panel on Ocean Park's proposal to develop Tai Shue Wan as a new integrated theme zone and the relevant financing arrangement. The main focus

late 2012 or  
early 2013

of the development is to build an indoor/outdoor waterpark. The Administration plans to submit the funding proposal to the Finance Committee in the fourth quarter of 2012 or first quarter of 2013.

**4. Briefing by the Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development on relevant policy initiatives in the Chief Executive's 2012-2013 Policy Address**

The Administration will brief the Panel on relevant policy initiatives in the Chief Executive's 2012-2013 Policy Address. January 2013

**5. Hong Kong Tourism Board Work Plan for 2013-2014**

In line with past practice, the Hong Kong Tourism Board will present its work-plan for 2013-2014 and brief the Panel on the overview of Hong Kong tourism industry in 2012 and the outlook of 2013. February 2013

**6. Update on Hong Kong Disneyland**

In line with past practice, the Hong Kong Disneyland (HKD) will brief the Panel on its operation in 2011-2012. February 2013

At the meeting on 16 October 2012, Hon Albert CHAN requested that HKD should be requested to brief the Panel on its operation as soon as possible.

**7. 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 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2013

**8. 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.

2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2013**9. 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, and to submit the funding proposal to the Public Works Subcommittee and Finance Committee in the first or second quarter of 2013.

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.

**10. 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.

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

To be confirmed

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

On 17 December 2010, the Competition Policy Advisory Group published its 12<sup>th</sup> 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

**Policy issues under Transport and Housing Bureau**

**13. Implementation of the Maritime Labour Convention 2006 in Hong Kong**

The International Labour Organization (ILO) adopted the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006 (MLC 2006) to consolidate and update over 60 ILO instruments relating to the working conditions and welfare of seafarers.

January or  
February 2013

The Administration will consult the Panel on the proposed amendments to the Merchant Shipping (Seafarers) Ordinance (Cap. 478) (the Ordinance) and its subsidiary legislations, and enactment of a new regulation under the Ordinance for implementing the requirements of MLC 2006. MLC 2006 will commence operation internationally in August 2013. The Administration plans to present the relevant Bill to the Legislative Council in the first half of 2013.

**14. PWP Item No. 5114AP –  
Providing Sufficient Water Depth for Kwai Tsing Container  
Basin and its Approach Channel**

The Administration will consult the Panel on the proposed project to provide sufficient water depth for Kwai Tsing Container Basin and its approach channel so that the new generation of ultra large container ships having a maximum draft of 15.5 metres can access the port facilities at the Kwai Tsing Container Terminals unrestricted by the depth of water. The proposed scope of the project comprises (a) dredging of the seabed to a level of approximately 17.5 metres below Chart Datum; and (b) modification/demolition of existing submarine sewage outfalls and associated works. Construction is tentatively scheduled to commence in the fourth quarter of 2013 for completion in phases from the fourth quarter of 2015 to the second quarter of 2016. The Administration plans to submit the funding proposal to the Public Works Subcommittee in March 2013 or May 2013, and to the Finance Committee in May 2013 or June 2013.

February, March  
or April 2013

**15. 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.

2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

#### **16. 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

#### **17. 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.)

#### **18. 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

**19. Proposed provision of customs, immigration and quarantine (CIQ) facilities for SkyPier of the Hong Kong International Airport (HKIA)**

The Administration originally planned to brief the Panel on the proposal before seeking funding approval from the Public Works Subcommittee and Finance Committee. According to the Administration's reply to a LegCo question from Hon Abraham SHEK on 9 March 2011, the Airport Authority had decided not to pursue the proposal as it considered that the provision of the CIQ facilities would not increase the usage of the SkyPier services by transit passengers.

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(see Note)

According to Hon Jeffrey LAM, there were views in the public that the CIQ facilities should be provided to relieve congestion at the Hong Kong – Shenzhen Western Corridor. The Administration agreed to revisit this item with the Panel when there were new developments in this regard.

(Note: The Administration advised that cross-boundary ferry terminals were planned and provided by the Government on a territory-wide basis. Given the two cross-boundary ferry terminals managed by the Government still had sufficient capacity to meet the projected demand in future, it was not justifiable to spend public monies to build another cross-boundary ferry terminal for a particular district. Moreover, the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge (HZMB) would commence operation in 2016. Its Hong Kong Boundary Crossing Facilities would be provided with CIQ facilities and public transport interchange facilities. It would serve as a strategic multi-modal transportation hub on the west of Hong Kong, making travel between Hong Kong and the Pearl River Delta region more convenient. It would therefore be more prudent to review the need for a cross boundary ferry terminal at the airport after the commissioning of the HZMB. The Administration thus proposed to delete this item.)

**20. Development of seaplane service and mooring areas for pleasure vessels**

At the meeting on 15 October 2009, Hon Albert CHAN requested the Administration to explore and discuss with the Panel the development of seaplane service between Hong Kong and other

To be deleted  
(see Note)

cities in the region, as well as the provision of more mooring areas for pleasure vessels, having regard to the demand for the facilities and in the light of overseas experiences.

(Note: The Administration proposed to delete this item because there was no genuine demand for the service at present and the project proponent has not pursued the proposal since 2009.)

### **Policy issues under the Environment Bureau**

#### **21. Annual Tariff Reviews with the two power companies**

Pursuant to the Scheme of Control Agreements with the two power companies, a Tariff Review will be conducted by the Government and the respective power company towards the end of each year. The two power companies will announce their tariff for 2013 after the review and explain their cases to the Panel if there is any adjustment.

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#### **22. 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 Government'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.



**Proposed  
timing for  
discussion****23. 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

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