

Panel on Economic Development
List of follow-up actions
(position as at 20 November 2012)

Subject (Date of meeting)	Follow-up action required	Administration's response
<p>1. Update on the development of a new cruise terminal at Kai Tak (24 October 2008)</p>	<p>The Panel was consulted on the proposal for retention of a supernumerary post of an Administrative Officer Staff Grade C in the Tourism Commission until 31 December 2014 to oversee the implementation of the cruise terminal project at Kai Tak. When the Establishment Subcommittee (ESC) considered this staffing proposal at its meeting on 26 November 2008, ESC members asked the Administration to review the need for retaining the post through regular reports to the Panel on the progress of the cruise terminal project. The Administration has been requested to provide regular reports on a half-yearly basis in every June and December, and to brief the Panel when necessary.</p>	<p>The Administration updated the Panel on the development of the cruise terminal project –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • at the meetings on 25 May 2009, 16 October 2009, 29 March 2010, 24 January 2011 and 23 April 2012 (LC Paper Nos. CB(1)1624/08-09 (03), CB(1)18/09-10(01), CB(1)1439/09-10(09), CB(1)1090/10-11(05)) and CB(1)1600/11-12(05); and • by information notes circulated to members on 23 December 2009, 13 July 2010, 7 July 2011, 7 December 2011 and 30 October 2012 vide LC Papers Nos. CB(1)749/09-10(01), CB(1)2545/09-10(01),

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		<p>CB(1)2674/10-11(01), CB(1)569/11-12(01) and CB(1)102/12-13(01).</p> <p>The Administration advised that the next information paper on the issue would be provided to the Panel in April 2013.</p>
<p>2. Leasing arrangements for the new cruise terminal at Kai Tak (24 January 2011)</p>	<p>The Administration was requested to provide information on the income and expenditure associated with the operation of the new cruise terminal at Kai Tak.</p>	<p>The Administration to provide the written response when ready.</p>
<p>3. Safety Oversight Audit of the Hong Kong Civil Aviation System (22 February 2010)</p>	<p>At the request of members, the Administration agreed to provide further information on the final ranking of Hong Kong when the audit programme for all the International Civil Aviation Organization Contracting States had completed by the end of 2010, the results of which will be available until about 10 months later.</p>	<p>The Administration to provide the written response when ready.</p>
<p>4. Legislative proposal to enhance protection for consumers against unfair trade practices (25 October 2010)</p>	<p>The Administration was requested to explain the rationale of not bringing the professional bodies listed in Annex G of the Administration's paper (CB(1)95/10-11(05)) under the ambit of the expanded Trade Description Ordinance and to demonstrate the extent of consumer protection provided by the ordinances.</p>	<p>The Administration's response was issued vide LC Paper No. CB(1)2365/11-12 on 16 July 2012.</p>

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<p>5. Mega Events Fund (MEF) (22 November 2010) (26 March 2012)</p>	<p>At the meeting on 22 November 2010, the Administration was requested to provide information on the scope of funding for MEF-sponsored events, including the breakdown of sponsorship on event publicity, administrative fees and cost of activities.</p> <p>At the meeting on 26 March 2012, the Administration was requested to list out all major views and proposals made by members at the meeting as well as its responses thereto in the relevant funding proposal to be submitted to the Finance Committee.</p>	<p>The Administration to provide the written response when ready.</p> <p>Members' views were incorporated in the relevant funding proposal (FCR(2012-13)19).</p>
<p>6. Review of the operation of the Travel Industry Council of Hong Kong (TIC) (22 November 2010)</p>	<p>TIC was requested to –</p> <p>(a) provide information on the details of outbound and inbound tours collected from the travel agents for the past year, including whether tourist guides or tour escorts were required to pre-pay the travel agents in advance; and</p> <p>(b) report to the Panel the outcome of the value-for-money audit.</p>	<p>TIC's response was issued vide LC Paper No. CB(1)2232 /11-12 on 25 June 2012.</p> <p>TIC to provide the outcome when ready.</p>
<p>7. Aberdeen Tourism Project (14 December 2010)</p>	<p>The Administration was requested to report to the Panel on the progress of developing the Aberdeen Wholesale Fish Market into a tourist attraction.</p>	<p>The Administration advised that the Tourism Commission had engaged a consultant to examine the business viability of the proposed dining and tourist facilities at/near the Aberdeen Wholesale Fish</p>

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		<p>Market. The consultant was finalizing the final report. The Tourism Commission would report the consultant's findings and recommendations to the Southern District Council and the Panel in due course.</p>
<p>8. Briefing by the Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development on relevant policy initiatives in the Chief Executive's 2011-2012 Policy Address (14 October 2011)</p>	<p>The Administration was requested to provide a paper on how it planned to make use of the following developments to create more business opportunities for Hong Kong, particularly in promoting tourism, and industry and commerce in Hong Kong, so as to enable the relevant trades to make preparations and provide support for the developments –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) expansion of the Hong Kong Disneyland and of the Ocean Park; (b) the Hong Kong National GeoPark's joining of the Global Geoparks Network; (c) commissioning of the cruise terminal; (d) construction of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge; (e) consultation on the third runway of the Hong Kong International Airport; and 	<p>The Administration to provide the written response when ready.</p>

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	(f) construction of the Hong Kong section of the Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link.	
9. Update on Hong Kong Disneyland (HKD) (17 January 2012)	<p>HKD was requested to provide information on the following –</p> <p>(a) its incomes from related transactions such as the fees it charged for use of its copyrights and patents;</p> <p>(b) HKD's accumulated loss as at 1 October 2011 since its opening;</p> <p>(c) breakdown of HKD's total revenue in the 2011 financial year at \$3,630 million by revenue stream, namely, sale of admissions to the theme park, room nights at the hotels, merchandise, and food and beverage sales at the theme park and hotels; and</p> <p>(d) details of HKD's depreciation policy.</p>	HKD's response was issued vide LC Paper No. CB(1)2294 /11-12 on 3 July 2012.
10. Information papers issued since last meeting (26 March 2012)	The Administration agreed to provide more information on the pilot scheme on cross-boundary sailing for pleasure vessels recently reported to the Panel vide LC Paper No. CB(1)1376/11-12(01) issued on 22 March 2012.	The Administration to provide the written response when ready.
11. Fitting-out works for Government facilities associated with Midfield Expansion Project at Hong Kong International Airport	<p>The Administration agreed to take the following actions –</p> <p>(a) provide in the relevant funding proposal to be submitted to the Public Works Subcommittee details of the some \$100-million increase in staff cost resulting from the completion of the Midfield Expansion Project, namely, the number of staff</p>	The requested details were incorporated in the relevant funding proposal (PWSC(2012-13)4).

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(26 March 2012)	<p>members (with their grades and ranks specified) that would be increased in individual related departments; and</p> <p>(b) convey members' concern about the long waiting time of visitors at immigration counters at border control points to the relevant departments for follow-up, and report back on the progress in due course.</p>	
<p>12. Hong Kong International Airport Master Plan 2030 (26 March 2012)</p>	<p>The Administration agreed to take the following actions –</p> <p>(a) explore new methods and technologies that would help reduce land development cost associated with the construction of the third runway, and report back on the outcomes; and</p> <p>(b) list out in the relevant funding proposal to be submitted to the Finance Committee all major views and concerns expressed by members at the meeting as well as the Administration's responses thereto. To assure members that the relevant environmental impact assessments (EIAs) would be properly conducted, the Administration should in particular provide details on the relevant training and experience of the three officers to be seconded to fill the three supernumerary directorate posts concerned that qualified them for the task, and on the measures taken to ensure that the Airport Authority would engage world-recognized experts to conduct the EIAs.</p>	<p>The Administration to provide the written responses when ready.</p>
<p>13. Follow-up to the Ngong Ping 360 ropeway</p>	<p>The Administration agreed to take the following actions –</p>	<p>The Administration's response was issued vide LC Paper No.</p>

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<p>incidents and update on its resumption of service (23 April 2012)</p>	<p>(a) examine and report back on whether Ngong Ping 360 Limited could claim damages arising from incidents of the Ngong Ping 360 ropeway (the ropeway) from its manufacturer, on grounds that even though bearings of the ropeway had been maintained according to the manufacturer's maintenance manual, problems with the bearings had still occurred, resulting in the incidents of breakdown of the ropeway;</p> <p>(b) provide information on how the design and operation of similar cable car systems overseas compared with the ropeway, particularly on why the bearings of the ropeway were so vulnerable to water-contaminated lubricant and whether the design of the bearings was to blame;</p> <p>(c) the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department to provide a detailed report on the efforts made to identify the cause(s) of incidents of the ropeway when previous incident investigations were conducted, in particular on whether any step(s)/factor(s) had been omitted, so that the cause of the frequent occurrence of incidents could not be identified until the latest investigation, and on whether certain facts had been deliberately withheld to hide the real picture.</p>	<p>CB(1)2233/11-12 on 25 June 2012.</p>
<p>14. Briefing by the Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development (11 July 2012)</p>	<p>The Administration agreed to provide a paper to report on the outcomes of the meeting between the Architectural Services Department, the contractor of the new cruise terminal at Kai Tak, and representatives of persons with disabilities, in particular the Rehabilitation Advisory Committee, on barrier-free access to the</p>	<p>The Administration's response was issued vide LC Paper No. CB(1)2520/11-12 on 3 September 2012.</p>

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	terminal. The report would cover – (a) new facilities, if any, that would be added to the terminal to ensure barrier-free access; and (b) whether any requests raised at the said meeting would not be taken forward and if so, the details.	

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