

Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene

List of follow-up actions
(position as at 10 April 2013)

Subject	Date of meeting	Follow-up action required	Administration's response
1. Enforcement actions under the Places of Public Entertainment Ordinance (Cap. 172)	21 June 2010 (special meeting)	The Administration was requested to provide - (a) the details of the legal advice sought from the Department of Justice regarding the applicability of the Places of Public Entertainment Ordinance (Cap. 172) ("PPEO"), including what the legal advice was, in what way and when the legal advice was provided, as well as the capacity of the public officer who provided the legal advice; (b) a chronology of events relating to the operations, including the course of actions taken on the date when FEHD learnt about the organisers' intention to display some exhibits at Times Square; (c) a copy of the undertaking that the Police requested the organisers to	Response from the Home Affairs Bureau awaited.

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		<p>sign for the returning of the exhibits; and</p> <p>(d) information on applications for Places of Public Entertainment Licence for the display of art items.</p>	
<p>2. Creation of employment opportunities under the hawker policy</p>	<p>28 June 2011 (Joint meeting with the Panel on Manpower)</p>	<p>The Administration was requested to provide a response on its study of the vitalization of the exiting open-air bazaars in Aberdeen, Sai Kung, Tin Shui Wai and Tung Chung given members' disappointment that the proposal to establish open-air bazaars in various districts, which was raised years ago, had not yet been implemented for lack of suitable sites.</p> <p>In its letter dated 20 January 2012, the Food and Health Bureau ("FHB") stated that there has not been a study of the vitalization of the existing open-air bazaars as such undertaken by the Administration. FHB would keep the hawker licensing policy under review and the Administration welcomes proposals from local or community organizations on initiatives to revitalize the local economy, promote district</p>	<p>Further response from FHB awaited.</p>

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		<p>characteristics or create local employment.</p> <p>Having considered FHB's response, members requested the Administration's further response on whether and how it would study the vitalization of open-air bazaars in Aberdeen, Sai Kung, Tin Shui Wai and Tung Chung, etc.</p>	
3. Allotment of public columbarium niches	11 December 2012	The Administration was requested to provide a written response on the allocation mechanism for public niches, including new and used niches, and the reasons for adopting such a mechanism.	Response from FHB awaited.
4. Substandard cooking oil	21 January 2013 (Policy briefing) 12 March 2013	<p>The Administration was requested to provide its plan for routine food surveillance on cooking oil in the short-run and a written response on whether its risk assessment of the consumption of cooking oil was appropriate.</p> <p>At the meeting on 12 March 2013, the Administration was requested to provide written response on whether any prosecution has been brought against distributor(s) who, in the course of the</p>	Response from FHB awaited.

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		investigation of the substandard cooking oil incident, was/were found to have failed to comply with the record-keeping requirement under the Food Safety Ordinance (Cap. 612).	
5. Nutrition labelling requirement for formula milk products	21 January 2013 (Policy briefing)	In the light that all formula milk products sold in Hong Kong were imported, the Administration was requested to provide a written response on whether the proposed nutrition labelling requirements for formula milk products were on par with the requirements in the exporting countries.	Response from FHB awaited.
6. Ex-gratia allowances for trawler owners affected by the trawl ban	21 January 2013 (Policy briefing) 5 February 2013	<p>The Administration was requested to provide a written response on the details of the disbursement of the ex-gratia allowance ("EGA") to trawler owners affected by the trawl ban, including the number of applications and its breakdown by types of vessels, as well as the timetable for the operation of the appeal mechanism for unsuccessful EGA applications.</p> <p>At the meeting on 5 February 2013, the Administration was requested to provide a copy of the document that trawler owners</p>	<p>The information on the disbursement of EGA has been provided under agenda item IV of the Panel meeting held in February.</p> <p>Response to the request for a copy of the Document from FHB awaited.</p>

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		were requested to sign upon receipt of EGA ("the Document").	
7. Animal police	21 January 2013 (Policy briefing)	The Administration was requested to provide a written response on its consideration and decision on request for the setting up "animal police" teams to handle cases of animal cruelty.	Response from FHB awaited.
8. Regulation of private columbaria	21 January 2013 (Policy briefing)	The Administration was requested to provide a written response on enforcement actions against unauthorized private columbaria and assistance given to affected families to handle the displaced cremains.	Response from FHB awaited.
9. Regulation of the use of pesticides and control of pesticide residues in food	21 January 2013 (Policy briefing)	The Administration was requested to provide a written response on the cooperation with relevant Mainland authorities regarding the use of pesticides and the control of pesticide residues in food.	Response from FHB awaited.
10. Agricultural policy	21 January 2013 (Policy briefing)	The Administration was requested to provide a written response on its agricultural policy, including measures to encourage the development of local agriculture.	Response from FHB awaited.

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11. Genetically modified food	12 March 2013	The Administration was requested to provide information on the breakdown of genetically modified food available on the local market by types and sales volume.	Response from FHB awaited.
12. Food surveillance	12 March 2013	The Administration was requested to provide a written response on whether any follow-up actions have been taken by the Centre for Food Safety ("CFS") in response to the recent media reports on fluorescent pork; and the surveillance work carried out by CFS in response to the recent media reports on the problem of mislabelled fish in the United States and Europe in which cheaper types of fish were substituted for more expensive species.	Response from FHB awaited.