

Panel on Economic Development

List of outstanding items for discussion
(position as at 9 October 2013)

		Proposed timing for discussion
<u>Policy issues under Commerce and Economic Development Bureau</u>		
1. Hong Kong Disneyland Hotel Development		
To provide updates on the in-principle agreement reached between the Administration and the Walt Disney Company in respect of a new hotel development at Hong Kong Disneyland.		Dec 2013/ first quarter of 2014
2. 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. We plan to consult Members on the proposed project in 2014 before seeking funding support from the Public Works Subcommittee and Finance Committee afterwards.		Second or third quarter of 2014
3. Briefing by the Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development on relevant policy initiatives in the Chief Executive's 2014 Policy Address		
To brief the Panel on relevant policy initiatives in the Chief Executive's 2014 Policy Address.		Jan 2014
4. Hong Kong Tourism Board Work Plan for 2014-2015		
To present the work plan of the Hong Kong Tourism Board for 2014-2015 and brief the Panel on the overview of Hong Kong tourism industry in 2013 and the outlook of 2014.		Feb 2014
5. Update on Hong Kong Disneyland		
To report updates on the operation of Hong Kong Disneyland in 2012-2013		Feb 2014

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discussion****6. Extension of a supernumerary Administrative Officer Staff Grade C (D2) post holding the post of Assistant Commissioner for Tourism (4) (AC(T)4) in the Tourism Commission created up to 31 December 2014 for three years from 1 January 2015 to 31 December 2017**

The AC(T)4 is responsible for providing policy input and co-ordination in promoting the development of cruise tourism in Hong Kong and for overseeing the development and operation of the Hong Kong Disneyland, including its future expansion plans. To sustain Hong Kong's position as a leading tourist destination, the Administration considers that there is an operational need to extend the post of AC(T)4 for three years from 1 January 2015 to 31 December 2017.

Second quarter
of 2014

7. Implementation of the Trade Descriptions (Unfair Trade Practices) (Amendment) Ordinance 2012

To report on the progress of the implementation of the Trade Descriptions (Unfair Trade Practices) (Amendment) Ordinance 2012 since its commencement on 19 July 2013.

Second or third
quarter of 2014

8. 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.

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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.

9. 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

10. 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

11. 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

To be confirmed

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.

12. Ocean Park's admission price adjustment

Hon TANG Ka-piu wrote to the Panel Chairman on 3 July 2013 expressing concern about the admission price adjustment of the Ocean Park. The Administration provided a written response to the letter on 16 July 2013. (LC Papers Nos. CB(1)1554/12-13(01) and (02)). The Panel agreed to include the item in this list at the meeting on 22 July 2013.

To be confirmed

Policy issues under Transport and Housing Bureau

13. Proposed creation of directorate posts in the Department of Justice and the Marine Department for taking forward marine-related legislative amendments and systemic reform of the Marine Department with a view to enhancing maritime safety

To consult the Panel on the proposed creation of directorate posts on a time-limited basis for setting up a dedicated legal taskforce to take forward a number of marine-related legislative amendment exercises, and for setting up a Task Force on Reform in the Marine Department to take forward the recommendations made in the Report of the independent Commission of Inquiry into the Collision of Vessels near Lamma Island on 1 October 2012.

Nov 2013

14. Proposed Establishment of a Maritime and Aviation Training Fund

To consult the Panel on the proposed establishment of a \$100-million fund to support the manpower training of the maritime and aviation industries.

Nov 2013

15. Update on Follow-up Actions Arising from the Report of the Commission of Inquiry into the Collision of Vessels near Lamma Island on 1 October 2012

Further to last update in July 2013, Members will be updated on the Marine Department's latest progress on the implementation

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of short-, medium-, and long-term measures in following up the recommendations of the independent Commission of Inquiry.

16. Salvage, removal and disposal of the wreck “興海 668” and its cargo of steel plate

The Mainland cargo vessel sank near the busy East Lamma Channel on 21 Oct 2008. To apply for funding to carry out the works for the salvage, removal and disposal of the wreck of “興海 668” and its cargo of steel plate.

Dec 2013

17. Replacement of four patrol launches for Harbour Patrol Services

To apply for funding to replace the four patrol launches for maintaining an effective marine patrol service in the waters of Hong Kong.

Dec 2013

18. Briefing by the Secretary for Transport and Housing on relevant policy initiatives in the Chief Executive's 2014 Policy Address

To brief the Panel on relevant policy initiatives in the Chief Executive's 2014 Policy Address.

Jan 2014

19. Update on Follow-up Actions Arising from the Report of the Commission of Inquiry into the Collision of Vessels near Lamma Island on 1 October 2012

Members will be briefed about the proposed measures that require legislative amendments.

Feb 2014

20. Proposed amendments to the civil aviation legislation relating to the investigation of accidents

To brief Panel Members on the proposed legislative amendments which seek to implement the latest requirements promulgated by the International Civil Aviation Organization.

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21. Updates on the Third Runway Project in HKIA

To update the Panel on the progress of the statutory environmental impact assessments, scheme designs, funding proposals as well as public engagement initiatives in relation to the Third Runway Project.

Second or third quarter of 2014

22. 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.

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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.

23. 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.

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24. 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.

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(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

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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.)

25. 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**26. Scheme of Control Agreements with the two power companies – Interim Review in 2013**

To inform Members of the results of the Interim Review in 2013 of the Scheme of Control Agreements with the two power companies.

Nov 2013
(tentative)**27. 2014-18 Development Plans of the two power companies & 2014 Electricity Tariff Review**

To inform Members of the result of the 2014-2018 Development Plan and 2014 Tariff Review with the two power companies.

Dec 2013
(tentative)**28. Creation of directorate posts**

To consult Members of the proposed creation of directorate posts.

Dec 2013
(tentative)**29. 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

To be confirmed

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.

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.

30. 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.

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