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**Electronic exit-entry permit for travelling to  
and from Hong Kong and Macao**

The subject of exit-entry permit for travelling to and from Hong Kong and Macao ("EEP") per se has not been discussed by the Panel on Security ("the Panel"). However, the following information relating to electronic EEP has been provided by the Administration to the Panel in 2010 and 2011 in relation to its proposals to enhance computer systems of the Immigration Department ("ImmD") -

- (a) Mainland residents who were holders of EEP issued by Mainland authorities might currently enter Hong Kong only after examination by ImmD officers at immigration counters at Hong Kong control points. To further improve the arrangements for Mainland residents travelling to Hong Kong and Macao, the Mainland authorities planned to introduce electronic EEP for Mainland residents by phases from 2012 onwards. A computer chip with the holder's personal information and exit endorsement to Hong Kong would be embedded in the electronic EEP;
- (b) to meet the requirements of processing electronic EEP, ImmD planned to enhance two of its computer systems, namely the Entry/Exit Processing and Records System and the Application and Investigation Easy System, to handle immigration-related matters for holders of electronic EEP, including applications for extension of stay. ImmD also planned to install about 740 readers at immigration counters of various control points as well as the immigration offices that handle immigration-related applications. The reader would enable the retrieval of information from electronic EEP following decryption. The relevant information so retrieved was the same as that displayed on existing EEP; and

- (c) the Finance Committee approved in July 2010 the funding proposal from ImmD for upgrading its computer systems and installing immigration clearance facilities to meet the requirements arising from the introduction of EEP by Mainland authorities by phases.

### **Latest development**

2. The Administration will brief the Panel on the latest progress on the introduction and processing of electronic EEP for travelling to and from Hong Kong and Macao at the meeting on 3 December 2013.

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