

Panel on Education
List of outstanding items for discussion
(position as at 4 June 2015)

Proposed timing
for discussion

Post-secondary education

1. Admission to University Grants Committee ("UGC")-funded institutions through the Joint University Programmes Admission System ("JUPAS") and non-JUPAS routes and to UGC-funded post-graduate programmes

Item proposed by Hon IP Kin-yuen, Hon Gary FAN and Dr Hon Helena WONG. At its meeting on 10 February 2014, the Panel had discussed issues relating to admission of students under non-JUPAS and of non-local students to publicly-funded postgraduate programmes.

To be
confirmed

2. Policy on funding support provided to post-secondary institutions by the University Grants Committee ("UGC") and the Research Grants Council

Dr Hon Helena WONG proposed that the Panel should arrange a meeting to receive views from deputations. At the meeting held on 8 December 2014, the Administration had briefed the Panel on various types of funding support made available by the Government for research work conducted by the post-secondary education sector.

To be
confirmed

Dr WONG also proposed that the Panel should discuss the Research Assessment Exercise 2014 and its implications, if any, on the allocation of funding to the UGC-funded institutions.

3. Policy on the provision of publicly-funded associate degree programmes

Dr Hon Kenneth CHAN was concerned about the discontinuation of certain Higher Diploma programmes offered by Hong Kong Polytechnic University.

To be
confirmed

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for discussion

4. Issues related to the provision of programme places by publicly-funded post-secondary institutions, the level of tuition fees, and the composition of their governing bodies

Item proposed by Hon IP Kin-yuen and Dr Hon Kenneth CHAN. Issues related to the provision of programme places by publicly-funded post-secondary institutions and the level of tuition fees had been discussed on 12 January 2015 when the Panel discussed the subjects on the progress on various initiatives to broaden the opportunities for local students to receive subsidized higher education and the recurrent funding for University Grants Committee-funded institutions in the 2015/16 roll-over year.

To be
confirmed

5. Policy on the development and provision of premises and hostels for post-secondary institutions

Item proposed by Dr Hon Kenneth CHAN. Issues related to this subject had been discussed on 30 May 2013, 13 January 2014 and 13 April 2015 when the Panel discussed financial proposals to provide start-up loans for post-secondary education providers and proposed works project for an institution to construct student hostels. At its meetings on 11 March and 10 June 2013, the Panel had also discussed issues relating to the existing policy on the use of land for education purposes.

To be
confirmed

6. The appointment and extension of appointment of teaching staff in publicly-funded post-secondary institutions

Item proposed by Dr Hon Helena WONG.

To be
confirmed

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for discussion

Secondary and primary education

7. Review of the New Senior Secondary Curriculum and Assessment and related issues (including concerns arising from Chinese History and Liberal Studies subjects)

Item proposed by Hon IP Kin-yuen. The subject was last discussed on 9 June 2014. At the meeting held on 8 December 2014, the Administration had briefed the Panel on the analysis of the patterns and trends of the registration for the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Examination of various subjects with reference to the Hong Kong Certificate of Education Examination and Hong Kong Advanced Level Examination in the past.

To be
confirmed

The Panel will discuss with the Administration the implementation of the Liberal Studies curriculum and assessment under the New Senior Secondary curriculum at its meeting on 8 June 2015.

8. Decline in secondary student population and related issues, including small class teaching and class-to-teacher ratio in secondary schools

Item proposed by Hon IP Kin-yuen and Hon Abraham SHEK. The subject on Measures to address issues arising from the drop in secondary student population was last discussed on 18 March 2014. Issues related to the class-to-teacher ratio and teacher-to-student ratio had been discussed on 10 and 22 June 2013, while issues related to small class teaching had been discussed at several meetings including those held on 2 and 3 November 2012 and 17 April 2013.

To be
confirmed

9. Issues related to Primary One school places and primary class size

Item proposed by Hon IP Kin-yuen. The Panel had discussed issues related to increasing the number of students allocated to each Primary One class on 12 May

To be
confirmed

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for discussion

and 16 July 2014.

10. Review on the implementation of Territory-wide System Assessment

Item proposed by Hon IP Kin-yuen. The subject was last discussed on 13 January 2014. Members had also expressed their concerns on this subject when Hon Michael TIEN's motion on "Returning a happy childhood to students" was debated at the Council meeting of 5 November 2014.

To be
confirmed

11. Review on the policy for Direct Subsidy Scheme schools

Item proposed by Hon Michael TIEN, Dr Hon Helena WONG and Hon IP Kin-yuen. The subject was last discussed on 13 January 2014.

To be
confirmed

12. Review on the subvention arrangements for the English Schools Foundation

After the Administration had reported the progress of the review to the Panel on 9 July 2013, Dr Hon Kenneth CHAN wrote to the Chairman on 12 July 2013 proposing that the Panel should arrange a meeting to receive views from stakeholders.

To be
confirmed

13. Implementation of civic education

Item proposed by Hon IP Kin-yuen.

To be
confirmed

14. Issues related to policy and programme on reprovisioning and redevelopment of sub-standard school premises

Dr Hon Kenneth CHAN was concerned about the reprovisioning of cuboidal shaped school premises in public housing estates.

To be
confirmed

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for discussion

Issues related to the learning of Chinese and English

15. Issues related to English proficiency of students and the policies on the teaching and learning of English

At the meeting on 16 October 2012, it was agreed that the Panel would discuss matters related to English proficiency of students and the policies on the teaching and learning of English.

To be
confirmed

Others

16. The existing education system [*and the future of Hong Kong*]

Dr Hon Helena WONG proposed that the Panel should arrange a meeting to receive views from students. The part in italics falls outside the purview of the Panel.

To be
confirmed