

Panel on Commerce and Industry

List of outstanding items for discussion
(position as at 16 October 2015)

Timing
for discussion
proposed by the
Administration

1. Latest development of the testing and certification industry

The Administration will brief the Panel on the latest development of the testing and certification industry and the work of the Hong Kong Council for Testing and Certification.

17 November
2015

2. Progress of negotiations under the World Trade Organization and on other plurilateral trade agreements

The Administration will brief the Panel on the progress of the negotiations in relation to the Doha Development Agenda of the World Trade Organization and on other plurilateral trade agreements relevant to Hong Kong.

17 November
2015

3. Continuing the funding support for Technology Transfer Offices of local universities, Partner State Key Laboratories and Hong Kong Branch(es) of Chinese National Engineering Research Centre(s) through the Innovation and Technology Fund after 2015-2016

The Administration will brief the Panel on the implementation progress of the three funding schemes since 2013-2014, and seek the Panel's support for continuing funding support under the Innovation and Technology Fund for these schemes from 2016-2017 onwards.

December 2015/
January 2016

4. Briefings by the Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development and the Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs on the Chief Executive's 2016 Policy Address

The Administration will brief the Panel on relevant policy initiatives in the Chief Executive's 2016 Policy Address.

January 2016

**Timing
for discussion
proposed by the
Administration**

5. Promotion of inward investment

The Administration will update the Panel on the work of Invest Hong Kong in 2015 and outline the way forward for 2016.

First quarter of 2016

6. Progress report on Research and Development Centres 2015-2016

The Administration will report to the Panel on Research and Development Centres' operation for 2015-2016.

Second quarter of 2016

7. Progress report on the implementation of the Dedicated Fund on Branding, Upgrading and Domestic Sales

The Administration will brief the Panel on the latest implementation progress of the Dedicated Fund on Branding, Upgrading and Domestic Sales.

Second quarter of 2016

8. Trade relations between the Mainland and Hong Kong

The Administration will brief the Panel on the latest developments of the trade relations between the Mainland and Hong Kong, including the Mainland and Hong Kong Closer Economic Partnership Arrangement, assisting Hong Kong enterprises in upgrading and exploring domestic sales in the Mainland, investment promotion, customs clearance of goods, intellectual property rights, tourism, innovation and technology, creative industries, etc.

Second or third quarter of 2016

(Remarks: The item was originally proposed for discussion at the regular Panel meeting scheduled for July 2015 that was subsequently cancelled on the instruction of the Panel Chairman.)

9. Progress on the implementation of the new Enterprise Support Scheme under the Innovation and Technology Fund

The Administration will brief the Panel on the implementation progress of the new Enterprise Support Scheme launched in April 2015 to replace the Small Entrepreneur Research Assistance Programme under the Innovation and Technology Fund.

Fourth quarter of 2016
(Legislative Council Session 2016-2017)

**Timing
for discussion
proposed by the
Administration**

(Remarks: At the Panel meeting on 16 December 2014 during the deliberation of the item on "Launching of a new Enterprise Support Scheme to replace the Small Entrepreneur Research Assistance Programme under the Innovation and Technology Fund", the Administration undertook to report to the Panel the implementation progress of the Enterprise Support Scheme in due course.)

10. Progress on further liberalization under the Mainland and Hong Kong Closer Economic Partnership Arrangement

The Administration will update the Panel on the latest development of the economic and trade co-operation and exchanges between the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government and the Central People's Government under the Mainland and Hong Kong Closer Economic Partnership Arrangement as and when there are significant developments.

To be confirmed

11. Diversified development of industries in Hong Kong

As agreed at the Panel meeting on 21 January 2014 and on the instruction of the Panel Chairman, the Administration was requested to brief the Panel on the initiatives in promoting diversified development of industries, including the fashion industry in Hong Kong.

To be confirmed

12. Promoting the industrialization of the beauty industry in Hong Kong

At the Panel meeting on 21 January 2014, the Panel passed a motion moved by Dr Hon CHIANG Lai-wan on "Promoting the industrialization of the beauty industry in Hong Kong". The Administration was requested to brief the Panel on the relevant initiatives.

To be confirmed

(Remarks: A joint meeting of the Panel on Health Services and the Panel on Commerce and Industry was held on 23 June 2015 to discuss and receive views from deputations on the item "Regulation and development of beauty services". At the Panel meeting on 21 April 2015, Dr Hon CHIANG Lai-wan requested that the item of "Promoting the industrialization of the beauty industry in Hong Kong" be retained in the list.)

13. Progress on the promotion of intellectual property trading

The Administration will report to the Panel the progress on the promotion of intellectual property trading and wider application of intellectual property rights through tax deduction.

To be confirmed

(Remarks: The Administration has proposed to delete the item for the following reasons:

- (i) the Working Group on Intellectual Property Trading released its final report and recommendations in March 2015. The Government has accepted the report, and is working in full swing to implement the recommended measures; and
- (ii) the above was reported to the Panel at its meeting on 19 May 2015.)

14. Research and development of Chinese medicines

The Administration will update the Panel on the progress of efforts in promoting research and development of Chinese medicines.

To be confirmed

15. Progress on the implementation of the revised Industrial Estate Programme

The Administration will brief members on the development plan and financing arrangements of the specialized multi-storey industrial buildings under the revised Industrial Estate Programme.

To be confirmed

(Remarks: When the Panel was briefed on the revised Industrial Estate Programme at the Panel meeting on 21 April 2015, the Administration undertook to further consult the Panel on the development of pilot specialized multi-storey industrial buildings in Industrial Estates when the Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation has finished the study on the economic case and relevant financial arrangements.)