

Panel on Commerce and Industry

List of outstanding items for discussion
(position as at 10 March 2016)

Timing
for discussion
proposed by the
Administration

1. Setting up of a trade single window

The Administration will brief the Panel on a public consultation exercise regarding the setting up of a trade single window which provides a single platform for the one-stop lodging of all documents from the trade to the Government in relation to importing and exporting goods. Approval will be sought from the Establishment Subcommittee and the Finance Committee for the related directorate staffing proposal afterwards.

19 April 2016

2. 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.

19 April 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.)

3. New initiatives for promotion of innovation and technology

The Administration will brief the Panel on a series of new initiatives to promote innovation and technology, including the launch of a \$2 billion Midstream Research Programme for Universities, introduction of a pilot Technology Voucher Programme, enhancing the R&D Cash Rebate Scheme and the Internship Programme, as well as expanding the Public Sector Trial Scheme. The Panel's support is sought for the funding proposal relating to the Midstream Research Programme for Universities which will be submitted to the Finance Committee

May 2016

**Timing
for discussion
proposed by the
Administration**

for approval afterwards.

4. 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.

May 2016

(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.)

5. Government's policy relating to the promotion of research and development and progress report on Research and Development Centres 2015-2016

The Administration will report to the Panel on the Government's policy relating to the promotion of research and development and the operation of Research and Development Centres in 2015-2016.

June 2016

6. 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.

June 2016

(Remarks: At the Panel meeting on 17 November 2015, members agreed that priority should be given to the discussion of the above item in the current legislative session.)

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

**Timing
for discussion
proposed by the
Administration**

8. 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)

(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.)

9. The Silk Road Economic Belt and the 21st Century Maritime Silk Road

At the Panel meeting on 17 November 2015, members requested that the Administration should brief the Panel on the Silk Road Economic Belt and the 21st Century Maritime Silk Road together with item 2 on "Trade relations between the Mainland and Hong Kong" as soon as practicable.

To be confirmed

10. 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

(Remarks: At the Panel meeting on 17 November 2015, members requested the Administration to update the Panel on the implementation of various initiatives promoting diversification of industries, including the \$500 million three-year pilot programme for Hong Kong's fashion industry, within the current legislative session. The Administration was also requested to consider combining the discussion of this item with related items such as item 7 on "Progress report on the implementation of the Dedicated Fund on Branding, Upgrading and Domestic Sales".)

Timing
for discussion
proposed by the
Administration

11. 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. Members agreed at the Panel meeting on 17 November 2015 that priority should be given to the discussion of this item in the current legislative session.)

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