

**Panel on Education**  
**List of outstanding items for discussion**  
(position as at 12 October 2015)

Proposed timing  
for discussion

**Post-secondary education**

**1. 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. 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.

To be  
confirmed

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. At its meeting on 12 January 2015, the Panel had discussed the recurrent funding for UGC-funded institutions in the 2015/16 roll-over year.

The Administration/UGC had provided written responses on 25 February, 1 June and 3 July 2015 to the letters from Dr WONG dated 3 February, 14 May and 16 June 2015 respectively concerning the UGC Research Assessment Exercise 2014 and policy on funding support provided to post-secondary institutions by UGC [LC Paper Nos. CB(4)573/14-15(03), CB(4)1103/14-15(02) and CB(4)1280/14-15(02)].

**2. 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

Proposed timing  
for discussion

**3. 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

**Secondary and primary education**

**4. 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

**5. 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

**6. 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

Proposed timing  
for discussion

**7. 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

**8. 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

**Issues related to the learning of Chinese and English**

**9. 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**

**10. 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