Panel on Economic Development

List of outstanding items for discussion

(position as at 15 October 2015)

Proposed timing for discussion

1. Revision of postage rates and miscellaneous postal fees and charges

October 2015

The Administration will brief Panel members on the new principal postage rates to be effective from 1 January 2016, and the proposed adjustments to miscellaneous postal fees and charges with effect from 1 February 2016.

2. FIA Formula E Championship – Hong Kong ePrix

October 2015

The Administration will brief Panel members on the latest progress of the FIA Formula E Championship car racing event proposed to be held in Hong Kong in October 2016.

3. Proposed establishment of a new statutory body to provide dedicated resources for promoting the development of the maritime industry in Hong Kong

November 2015

With regard to a consultancy recommendation that Hong Kong should set up a new statutory body with dedicated resources for promoting the development of the maritime industry in Hong Kong, the Administration will brief Panel members on the latest progress on the formulation of specific functions, structure and financing arrangement for the proposed body.

4. Proposed amendments to the civil aviation legislation relating to the air carriage of dangerous goods

November 2015

The Administration will brief Panel members on the proposed legislative amendments which seek to implement the latest requirements promulgated by the International Civil Aviation Organization in its biannual update on the air carriage of dangerous goods.

5. Public consultation on the future development of the electricity market

November 2015

The Government has conducted a three-month public consultation on the future development of the electricity market during March and June 2015. The Panel will be briefed on the views received during the public consultation period.

6. Proposed creation of two supernumerary posts to take forward the outcome of the public consultation on the future development of the electricity market

November 2015

The Panel will be consulted on the proposed creation of directorate posts.

7. Annual tariff reviews with the two power companies

December 2015

Pursuant to the Scheme of Control Agreements with the two power companies, a tariff review will be conducted by the Government and the respective power company towards the end of each year. The two power companies will announce their tariff for 2016 after the review and explain their cases to the Panel if there is any adjustment.

8. Food Trucks Scheme

December 2015

The Administration will brief Panel members on the details of the Food Trucks Scheme.

9. Briefings by the Bureau Directors concerned on relevant policy initiatives in the Chief Executive's 2016 Policy Address

January 2016

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

10. Proposed revision of fees and charges under Hong Kong Air Navigation (Fees) Regulations (Cap. 448D)

February 2016

The Civil Aviation Department has reviewed the fees and charges related to civil aviation prescribed under Cap. 448D and proposes to revise some fees and charges under this regulation in order to recover the full cost of providing the services.

11. Hong Kong Tourism Board Work Plan for 2016-2017

February 2016

The Hong Kong Tourism Board will brief Panel members on the work plan of the Hong Kong Tourism Board for 2016-2017, the overview of Hong Kong tourism industry in 2015 and the outlook of 2016.

12. Update on Hong Kong Disneyland Resort

February 2016

The Administration will update Panel members on the operations of Hong Kong Disneyland Resort for the fiscal year 2015.

13. Outcome of the review on Public Cargo Working Areas

First quarter of 2016

The Administration will brief Panel members on the progress of the review on Public Cargo Working Areas conducted by the Marine Department, and propose the next steps of work.

14. Incorporating in local legislation the latest standards of the International Maritime Organization

First quarter of 2016

To brief Panel members on legislative amendment proposals to incorporate in local legislation the latest requirements adopted by the International Maritime Organization as set out in: (i) the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, 1978, and (ii) Chapter X to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974, as amended.

15. Proposed amendments to the civil aviation legislation relating to the investigation of accidents

Within 2015-2016 session

The Administration will brief Panel members on the proposed legislative amendments which seek to implement the latest requirements promulgated by the International Civil Aviation Organization.

16. Lei Yue Mun Waterfront Enhancement Project

To be confirmed

The Administration will consult members on the project to enhance the attractiveness of Lei Yue Mun ("LYM") as a popular tourism spot through further improving the facilities along the LYM waterfront area.

17. Purchase of air traffic management system Autotrac 3 by the Civil Aviation Department

To be confirmed

Proposed by Hon Albert CHAN at the meeting on 26 May 2014. The Administration's response (LC Paper No. CB(1)1898/13-14(01) to the submission dated 23 May 2014 from a member of the public (LC Paper No.

CB(1)1620/13-14(01)) expressing views on the subject was issued to members on 4 August 2014.

In October 2014, the Director of Audit identified several problems related to the administration of the air traffic control ("ATC") and related services in the Chapter 4 of his Audit Report No. 63, including the delay in implementing the Air Traffic Management System ("ATMS") contract and made relevant recommendations to the Director-General of Civil Aviation.

The Public Accounts Committee ("PAC") subsequently considered the Audit Report and found it, inter alia, appalling and totally unacceptable that the new ATC system which was targeted for commissioning in December 2012 was not yet in operation mainly due to a delay in implementing ATMS contract, while the existing ATC system was approaching the end of its usable life. It also strongly condemned Civil Aviation Department's incompetence and negligence in managing the procurement and implementation of the new ATMS project which had been delayed for at least three-and-a-half years. According to the Administration, it will respond to the PAC's observations and recommendations accordingly.

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