

**Panel on Economic Development**

**List of outstanding items for discussion**

(position as at 17 February 2016)

**Proposed timing  
for discussion**

**1. Deployment of the new Air Traffic Management System for Hong Kong International Airport and the related safety issues**

24 March 2016

At the meeting on 26 May 2014, Hon Albert CHAN proposed to discuss "Purchase of air traffic management system Autotrac 3 by the Civil Aviation Department. 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. At the Council meeting on 28 October 2015, the Chief Secretary for Administration addressed the Council on "The Government Minute in response to the Report of PAC Report No. 63A and No. 64" in respect of, inter alia, "Administration of ATC and related services".

At the meeting on 15 October 2015, members agreed to the suggestion of Hon Kenneth LEUNG (LC Paper No. CB(4)36/15-16(01)) to discuss issues concerning the safety of ATMS to be deployed for the Hong Kong International Airport. The Administration has also been requested to provide a written

response to the concerns on new ATC raised in Hon TANG Ka-piu's letter dated 17 December 2015 (LC Paper No. CB(4)594/15-16(01)). The Administration's written response was issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(4)594/15-16(02) on 12 February 2016.

**2. Outcome of the review on Public Cargo Working Areas** 24 March 2016

The Administration will brief Members on the recommendations of the review on Public Cargo Working Areas conducted by the Marine Department. The Administration has provided an Information Note on "Review on Public Cargo Working Areas" to the Public Complaints Office of the Secretariat pursuant to a case conference on related matters and copied to the Clerk to Panel. The Information Note was issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(4)614/15-16(01) on 17 February 2016.

**3. Proposed amendments to the civil aviation legislation relating to the air carriage of dangerous goods** 24 March 2016

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.

**4. Refunding of Air Passenger Departure Tax** 19 April 2016

In his letter dated 23 October 2015 addressed to the Panel on Financial Affairs, Hon SIN Chung-kai proposed to discuss matters relating to refunding of Air Passenger Departure Tax by airlines (LC Paper No. CB(4)258/15-16(01)). In response, the Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau has agreed to take up the discussion with this Panel.

**5. Incorporating in local legislation the latest standards of the International Maritime Organization** 19 April 2016

The Administration will seek Members' endorsement 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) Chapters VI and X to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974.

**Proposed timing  
for discussion****6. Proposed amendments to the Pilotage Order (Cap. 84C)  
and Pilotage (Dues) Order (Cap. 84D)**

19 April 2016

The Marine Department proposes to revise the current classes of pilotage and their corresponding qualifications in light of the latest pilotage requirements for ocean-going vessels, as well as to revise the pilotage dues prescribed under the Pilotage (Dues) Order (Cap.84D) having regard to inflation and increasing operating costs of pilotage service providers.

**7. Proposed amendments to the civil aviation legislation  
relating to the investigation of accidents**Second quarter of  
2016

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.

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