

Panel on Economic Development

List of outstanding items for discussion

(position as at 22 November 2016)

**Proposed timing
for discussion**

1. Proposed dedicated tax regime to develop aircraft leasing business in Hong Kong

December 2016

According to the Administration, the rapid growth in aviation industry in Asia and Mainland China has brought about long-term market demand for aircraft leasing in the region. As an international financial centre and a major aviation hub of the world, Hong Kong possesses competitive advantage in developing aircraft leasing business.

Overseas experience has indicated that tax factor is one of the key considerations for aircraft leasing companies in selecting the place to domicile their business. In this connection, the Administration will brief the Panel on its proposal to amend the Inland Revenue Ordinance (Cap. 112) to create a dedicated tax regime for offshore aircraft leasing activities in Hong Kong.

2. Annual tariff reviews with the two power companies

December 2016

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 2017 after the review and explain their cases to the Panel if there is any adjustment.

3. Travel Industry Bill

December 2016

The Administration will brief the Panel on the latest key legislative proposals of the Travel Industry Bill.

At the Panel meeting on 18 October 2016, Hon Andrew WAN proposed to discuss matters relating to the scope and operation of the Travel Industry Compensation Fund. The Administration will brief the Panel on the said fund during

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the discussion of the Travel Industry Bill.

4. Briefings by the Bureau Directors concerned on relevant policy initiatives in the Chief Executive's 2017 Policy Address

January 2017

At the Panel meeting on 18 October 2016, Hon YIU Si-wing requested the Administration to brief the Panel on the Government's tourism development strategy in the short, medium and long terms. Dr Hon Elizabeth QUAT and Hon LUK Chung-hung wrote to the Panel on 20 October and 25 October 2016 respectively proposing to discuss the development of high value-added tourism and the promotion of healthy development of the tourism industry (LC Paper Nos. CB(4)27/16-17(01) and CB(4)38/16-17(01)).

At the Panel meeting on 18 October 2016, Hon Michael TIEN proposed to discuss the implementation of the Individual Visit Scheme in light of Hong Kong's economic and social situations.

The Administration will brief the Panel on the relevant policy initiatives in the Chief Executive's 2017 Policy Address, and will address the above concerns raised by members during the briefing. The related matters can be further deliberated under the agenda item on "Hong Kong Tourism Board Work Plan for 2017-2018" which will be discussed in February 2017.

5. Enhancing marine safety during major events at sea

January 2017

The Administration will consult the Panel on the proposed legislative measures to enhance marine safety during major events.

6. Hong Kong Tourism Board Work Plan for 2017-2018

February 2017

The Hong Kong Tourism Board will present its work plan for 2017-2018 and brief the Panel on the overview of Hong Kong tourism industry in 2016 and the outlook of 2017.

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7. Update on Hong Kong Disneyland Resort

February 2017

Representatives of the Hong Kong Disneyland will update the Panel on the operations of Hong Kong Disneyland Resort for the fiscal year 2016.

8. Amendments to the Civil Aviation (Aircraft Noise) (Certification) Regulations (Cap. 312A) and the Hong Kong Air Navigation (Fees) Regulations (Cap. 448D)

February 2017

The Administration will brief the Panel on the update to the price levels of the statutory fees and charges levied by the Civil Aviation Department under the Civil Aviation (Aircraft Noise) (Certification) Regulations (Cap. 312A) and the Hong Kong Air Navigation (Fees) Regulations (Cap. 448D) with a view to achieving full cost recovery.

9. Amendments to the Hong Kong Civil Aviation (Investigation of Accidents) Regulations (Cap. 448B)

March 2017

The Administration will brief the Panel on the update to the Hong Kong Civil Aviation (Investigation of Accidents) Regulations (Cap. 448B) with a view to incorporating and reflecting the latest requirements for and the manner of conducting investigation of aircraft accidents or serious incidents promulgated by the International Civil Aviation Organization.

10. Report on the work of the Competition Commission

First quarter of 2017

At the Panel meeting on 18 October 2016, Hon Holden CHOW proposed to discuss how the Competition Ordinance (Cap. 619) could be improved, such as introducing private actions in competition law. He also suggested reviewing the effectiveness of the work of the Competition Commission.

The Competition Commission will report on its work since the full implementation of the Competition Ordinance (Cap. 619) in December 2015.

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- 11. Amendments to subsidiary legislation under the Merchant Shipping (Safety) Ordinance (Cap. 369) for implementation of the latest requirements under the International Convention on Load Lines and the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea**

May 2017

The Administration will seek the Panel's endorsement of the legislative amendments to implement the latest requirements under the International Convention on Load Lines and the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea of the International Maritime Organization ("IMO"), to be introduced into the Legislative Council ("LegCo") for negative vetting.

- 12. Amendments to subsidiary legislation under the Merchant Shipping (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Ordinance (Cap. 413) and the Merchant Shipping (Limitation of Shipowners Liability) Ordinance (Cap. 434) to implement the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships and the Convention on Limitation of Liability of Maritime Claims**

June 2017

The Administration will seek the Panel's endorsement on legislative amendments to implement the latest requirements under the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships and the Convention on Limitation of Liability for Maritime Claims of IMO, to be introduced into LegCo for negative vetting.

- 13. Regulation of unmanned aircraft systems**

Second quarter of
2017

Hon Jeremy TAM wrote to the Panel on 24 October 2016 (LC Paper No. CB(4)27/16-17(02)) proposing to discuss the regulation of unmanned aircraft systems ("UAS"). The Administration will brief the Panel on overseas experience in regulation of UAS and key considerations of regulating UAS in Hong Kong.

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14. Report of the Transport and Housing Bureau's Investigation into Staff Conduct in the Marine Department in relation to the Vessel Collision Incident near Lamma Island on 1 October 2012

To be confirmed

At the Panel meeting on 18 October 2016, Hon James TO proposed to discuss the Report of the Transport and Housing Bureau's Investigation into Staff Conduct in the Marine Department in relation to the Vessel Collision Incident near Lamma Island on 1 October 2012 ("the Report"). As new Panel members might not be fully aware of the issue, arrangements should be made by the Administration to again make available the Report for Panel members' perusal.

At the work plan meeting on 2 November 2016, the Administration agreed that arrangements, similar to that in 2015, would be made to enable LegCo Members to peruse the redacted Report at a designated venue under a confidentiality agreement.

15. Imposition of a mandatory cooling-off period for consumer contracts

To be confirmed

At the Panel meeting on 18 October 2016, Hon Andrew WAN, Dr Hon Helena WONG and Hon Michael TIEN proposed to discuss the imposition of a mandatory cooling-off period for consumer contracts and relevant measures to enhance consumer protection. Hon Andrew WAN also proposed to discuss matters relating to the scope and operation of the Consumer Legal Action Fund.

Dr Hon Elizabeth QUAT and Hon LUK Chung-hung raised similar requests in their letters to the Panel dated 20 October and 25 October 2016 respectively (LC Paper Nos. CB(4)27/16-17(01) and CB(4)38/16-17(01)).

At the work plan meeting on 2 November 2016, the Administration advised that the Consumer Council was conducting a research study concerning cooling-off period. The Administration will brief the Panel on the outcome of the study in due course.

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16. Competition situation of the prices of auto-fuel and domestic liquefied petroleum gas

To be confirmed

At the Panel meeting on 18 October 2016, Dr Hon Helena WONG proposed to discuss the competition situation of the prices of auto-fuel and domestic liquefied petroleum gas. Dr Hon Elizabeth QUAT raised a similar request in her letter to the Panel dated 20 October 2016 (LC Paper No. CB(4)27/16-17(01)).

At the work plan meeting on 2 November 2016, the Administration advised that the Competition Commission was conducting a study on the auto-fuel market. The Administration will brief the Panel on the outcome of the study in due course.

17. Reform of regulatory regime for pleasure vessels

To be confirmed

Hon Steven HO wrote to the Panel on 2 November 2016 (LC Paper No. CB(4)65/16-17(01)) proposing to discuss the reform of the regulatory regime for pleasure vessels.

18. Issues relating to online consumers' rights and interests

To be confirmed

Hon LUK Chung-hung wrote to the Panel on 14 November 2016 proposing to discuss issues relating to online consumers' rights and interests (LC Paper No. CB(4)140/16-17(01)). The Administration will address the said concern during the discussion of agenda item on "Imposition of a mandatory cooling-off period for consumer contracts".

19. Diversified development of industries in Hong Kong

Item proposed to be
deleted

At the Panel meeting on 18 October 2016, Dr Hon Helena WONG proposed to discuss matters relating to the diversified development of industries in Hong Kong. Dr Hon Elizabeth QUAT raised a similar request in her letter to the Panel dated 20 October 2016 (LC Paper No. CB(4)27/16-17(01)).

This subject was last discussed by the Panel on Commerce and

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Industry ("CI Panel") on 21 June 2016 and all LegCo Members were invited to join the discussion. Members may wish to note that this subject is currently under CI Panel's list of outstanding items for discussion and members of the Panel on Economic Development will be invited to attend the relevant meeting for discussion.

20. Regulation of person-to-person telemarketing calls

Item proposed to be
deleted

At the Panel meeting on 18 October 2016, Hon Michael TIEN proposed to discuss the regulation of person-to-person telemarketing calls. Members may wish to note that this subject falls under the purview of the Panel on Information Technology and Broadcasting which has tentatively scheduled to discuss this subject at its meeting on 13 February 2017.

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