

Panel on Economic Development

List of outstanding items for discussion

(position as at 22 February 2017)

**Proposed timing
for discussion**

**1. 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 investigation of aircraft accidents or serious incidents promulgated by the International Civil Aviation Organization.

2. Report on the work of the Competition Commission

March 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.

**3. Proposed rationalization of a directorate post for
supporting the development of the logistics industry**

April 2017

The Administration will seek the Panel's endorsement of the proposal to rationalize a directorate post by re-grading one permanent Assistant Director of Marine post into one permanent Administrative Office Staff Grade C post in the Transport Branch of the Transport and Housing Bureau for supporting the development of the logistics industry.

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4. Amendments to Shipping and Port Control Regulations (Cap. 313A)

April 2017

The Administration will seek the Panel's endorsement of three legislative proposals which require amendments to Cap 313A. The amendments include amending the coordinates of Hong Kong International Airport Approach Areas and imposing height restrictions for Hong-Kong-Zhuhai-Macao-Bridge, streamlining reporting procedures of the Vessel Traffic Centre and increasing the number of very high frequency radio reporting channels, as well as establishing three principal fairways and re-aligning the boundaries of four existing ones.

5. 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.

6. 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.

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7. 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.

8. Enhancing marine safety during major events at sea

To be confirmed

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

9. 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.

As agreed at the work plan meeting on 2 November 2016, the Administration is making arrangements, similar to that in 2015, for LegCo Members to peruse the redacted Report at a designated venue under a confidentiality agreement around April 2017.

10. 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

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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.

11. 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.

12. 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.

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13. 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".

14. Role of the Hong Kong Maritime and Port Board

To be confirmed

Hon Holden CHOW proposed at the meeting on 23 January 2017 and in his letter dated 26 January 2017 (LC Paper No. CB(4)485/16-17(01)) to discuss the role of the Hong Kong Maritime and Port Board in enhancing the development of the maritime industry in Hong Kong.

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