

**Panel on Economic Development**

**List of outstanding items for discussion**

(position as at 21 April 2017)

**Proposed timing  
for discussion**

- 1. 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.

- 2. Competition Commission's study on the auto-fuel market**

May 2017

At the Panel meeting on 18 October 2016, Dr Hon Helena WONG proposed to discuss the competition situation of the prices of auto-fuel. 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 Panel meeting on 27 March 2017, members noted that the Competition Commission was finalizing its study on the auto-fuel market and the results were expected to be released as soon as practicable. Hon LUK Chung-hung wrote to the Panel on 28 March 2017 (LC Paper No. CB(4)777/16-17(01)) proposing discussion on the subject after the release of the results of the study.

The Competition Commission will brief the Panel on the study on the auto-fuel market in May 2017.

**Proposed timing  
for discussion**

3. **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.

4. **Regulation of unmanned aircraft systems**

Fourth 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 wrote to the Panel on 24 March 2017 (LC Paper No. CB(4)766/16-17(01)) informing members that the Civil Aviation Department has engaged an overseas consultant to assist its work in reviewing the existing regulatory framework for the operation of UAS. It also proposed rescheduling the discussion on this subject to the fourth quarter of 2017 when the consultancy report is available.

5. **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.

6. **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

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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 advised by the Administration, it would make arrangements, similar to that in 2015, for LegCo Members to peruse the redacted Report at a designated venue under a confidentiality agreement. The Administration wrote to all LegCo Members on 28 March 2017 informing them of the related arrangements.

- 7. 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.

- 8. Arrangements for the supply of centralized liquefied petroleum gas ("LPG") to existing public housing estates** 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 domestic liquefied petroleum gas.

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for discussion**

Hon LUK Chung-hung wrote to the Panel on 28 March 2017 (LC Paper No. CB(4)777/16-17(01)) proposing discussion on the subject after the completion of the review on the arrangements for the supply of centralized LPG to public housing estates.

The Administration is reviewing the prevailing arrangements for renewing contracts for the supply of centralized LPG to existing public housing estates and will brief the Panel on the outcome after completion of the review.

**9. 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.

**10. 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".

**11. 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.