

Panel on Economic Development

List of outstanding items for discussion
(position as at 23 June 2017)

**Proposed timing
for discussion**

1. Legislative amendments relating to the carriage of dangerous goods by air

July 2017

The Administration will seek the Panel's endorsement of the legislative amendments to the dangerous goods (the Consignment by Air) (Safety) Regulations (Cap. 384A) and the Air Navigation (Dangerous Goods) Regulations (Schedule 16 to the Air Navigation (Hong Kong) Order 1995 (Cap. 448C)) to apply the latest international standards governing the carriage of dangerous goods by air promulgated by the International Civil Aviation Organisation, which will be introduced into the Legislative Council ("LegCo") for negative vetting.

2. Reprovisioning of Hongkong Post's Headquarters in the General Post Office Building to a Government, Institution or Community ("G/IC") site at Wang Chin Street, Kowloon Bay

July 2017

The Administration will consult the Panel on the proposed project on reprovisioning of Hongkong Post's Headquarters ("HKP HQs") in the existing General Post Office Building to a G/IC site at Wang Chin Street, Kowloon Bay. The scope of the proposed project comprises the construction of a new building to accommodate (a) the reprovisioned HKP HQs offices; (b) other out-housed facilities including Kowloon Bay Post Office, Bulk Airmail Centre and Post Office Staff Training Centre; (c) a new Kowloon Bay Delivery Office; and (d) other ancillary facilities of the HKP HQs building.

3. 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

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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.

4. 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.

5. 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 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.

6. 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.

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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.

7. 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.

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.

8. 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.

9. 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

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Administration will address the said concern during the discussion of agenda item on "Imposition of a mandatory cooling-off period for consumer contracts".

10. Update on the food truck pilot scheme

To be confirmed

Hon LUK Chung-hung wrote to the Panel on 20 April 2017 (LC Paper No. CB(4)908/16-17(01)) proposing to discuss the update on the food truck pilot scheme.

11. Update on the tendering system for petrol filling station sites and follow-up to the auto fuel study conducted by the Competition Commission

To be confirmed

Hon James TO Kun-sun, Hon WU Chi-wai and Hon Andrew WAN Siu-kin jointly wrote to the Panel on 31 May 2017 (LC Paper No. CB(4)1137/16-17(01)) proposing to discuss the Government's review of the tendering system for petrol filling station sites and its exploration of various structural reform options to further competition in the auto-fuel market. The Administration's response to the letter has been circulated to members via LC Paper No. CB(4)1265/16-17(01).

12. Development of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Big Bay Area in respect of the tourism, shipping and logistics, and value-added service industries

To be confirmed

Hon Holden CHOW Ho-ding wrote to the Panel on 24 May 2017 (LC Paper No. CB(4)1280/16-17(01)) requesting information and discussion on the development of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Big Bay Area, covering matters relating to the tourism, shipping and logistics, as well as value-added service industries in the area. The information provided by the Commerce and Economic Development Bureau on this subject is set out in LC Paper No. CB(4)1280/16-17(02).