

Panel on Home Affairs

List of issues suggested to be considered

(as at 4 November 2016)

**Proposed timing
for discussion**

1. Consultancy Study on Sport for People with Disabilities in Hong Kong

To brief members on the consultancy report on Sport for People with Disabilities in Hong Kong and views solicited from the public consultation.

November 2016

2. Progress of the expansion and improvement project of the Wanchai campus of the Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts

To report on the latest progress of the project on the expansion and improvement of the Wanchai campus of the Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts ("HKAPA"), and seek members' views on the HKAPA's plan to enhance the application of technologies in the performing arts through the procurement of professional equipment.

November 2016

3. Outcome of the public consultation on the proposed amendments to the Chinese Temples Ordinance

The Panel discussed the outcome of the Review on the Chinese Temples Ordinance (Cap. 153) at the meeting on 24 March 2015 and held a special meeting on 5 May 2015 to receive public views on the subject. Members noted that the Administration was conducting a public consultation exercise ending on 12 May 2015. The Administration undertook to report the outcome of the public consultation in due course.

To be confirmed

4. Monitoring of Private Recreational Leases

At the meeting on 14 June 2013, the Panel passed a motion urging the Government to establish a monitoring and vetting mechanism for the approval and renewal of lands leased under Private Recreational Leases ("PRLs") and to further open up such lands for use by the public, so as to safeguard public interests.

To be confirmed

Members agreed that the Panel should request the Administration to report regularly on the progress of the renewal of PRLs as well as the monitoring of facilities that operated under such leases. When the matter was discussed by the Panel in future, members of the Panel on Development should be invited to join the discussion.

5. Implementation of the new betting duty structure for local bets on non-local races under the Betting Duty (Amendment) Ordinance 2013

During the scrutiny of the Betting Duty (Amendment) Bill 2013, Hon Christopher CHUNG suggested that the Administration should consider reviewing, before expiry of the proposed three-year guarantee period, the proposal of charging a flat betting duty rate at 72.5% as well as the Hong Kong Jockey Club's liability to pay a betting duty of no less than \$175 million per year (i.e. the guaranteed amount) for three years (i.e. the guaranteed period) after implementation of the new betting duty structure for local bets on non-local races. There was another suggestion that the Administration's provision of a report on the progress of the implementation of the Bill to the Panel during the three-year guarantee period would be acceptable (see paragraphs 27 to 29 of the Report of the Bills Committee on Betting Duty (Amendment) Bill 2013 [LC Paper No. CB(2)1469/12-13]).

To be confirmed

The Administration subsequently provided a written response to the relevant Bills Committee advising that upon implementation of the new betting duty structure, the Administration would monitor the turnover of local bets on non-local races as well as the amount of net stake receipts and betting duty receipts so generated for each racing season. The Administration undertook that it would report the matter to this Panel as and when appropriate. The Administration's written response was issued vide LC Paper No. CB(2)1383/12-13(01).

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6. Promotion of arts and culture education in schools

The Panel held a joint meeting with the Panel on Education on 13 May 2011 to discuss the promotion of arts and culture education in schools. Members agreed that another joint Panel meeting should be held, where appropriate, to further discuss the matter.

To be confirmed

7. Public consultation

At the meeting of the Panel on Constitutional Affairs on 16 October 2012, Dr Hon Kenneth CHAN proposed to discuss whether there was room for improvement in the conduct of public consultation with a view to enhancing the effectiveness of gauging public opinions and the quality of governance. The issue was referred to this Panel for discussion.

To be confirmed

8. Issues concerning the removal of some persons from the Golden Bauhinia Square during the National Day Flag Raising Ceremony

In their joint letter addressed to the Chairmen of the Panel on Home Affairs and the Panel on Security ("SE Panel") dated 7 October 2013 [LC Paper No. CB(2)23/13-14(01)], Dr Hon Kenneth CHAN and Hon Dennis KWOK (a non-Panel member) expressed concern about recent media reports on the removal of some persons from the Golden Bauhinia Square in Wan Chai on 1 October 2013 during the National Day Flag Raising Ceremony. They requested that a joint meeting of the two Panels be held to discuss the matter,.

To be confirmed

The SE Panel briefly discussed the joint letter at its meeting on 10 October 2013 and subsequently referred the matter to this Panel as the National Day Flag Raising Ceremony was co-ordinated by HAD. At the instruction of the Panel Chairman, the Administration had been requested to provide a written response to the issues raised in Dr CHAN's and Mr KWOK's joint letter. The Administration's written response was circulated to members on 1 November 2013 [LC Paper No. CB(2)202/13-14(01)].

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9. Community development services

At the meeting on 13 November 2009, Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che suggested that the provision of community development services, in particular those services provided by HAD in collaboration with the welfare sector, should be discussed.

To be confirmed

10. Review of Places of Public Entertainment Ordinance

At the request of the Subcommittee on Places of Public Entertainment (Exemption) (Amendment) Order 2011, the Administration undertook to convey members' concern and suggestions on reviewing the Places of Public Entertainment Ordinance (Cap. 172) ("PPEO"), including narrowing down the scope of "public entertainment" and "place of public entertainment" therein, to the relevant policy bureaux for consideration. The Subcommittee agreed that issues relating to the review of PPEO should be referred to the Panel for follow-up. Members' views and the Administration's response on the subject were detailed in paragraphs 27 and 28 of the Subcommittee's report [LC Paper No. CB(2)1152/11-12].

To be confirmed

At the Panel meeting on 10 October 2013, Hon Cyd HO advised that according to a recent ruling of the Court of Appeal, dance performance in the pedestrian precinct did not trigger the licensing requirements under PPEO. She suggested that the Panel should follow up on issues arising from the court judgment when the review of PPEO was discussed.

11. Public lending right

At the Panel meeting on 24 March 2014, members noted the submission from Hong Kong Public Lending Right Alliance on the introduction of "public lending right" in Hong Kong [LC Paper No. CB(2)1015/13-14(01)]. Members agreed on 11 April 2014 to discuss the subject at a future meeting.

To be confirmed

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12. Matters relating to the funding for and the governance of major performing arts groups

At the Panel meeting on 24 March 2015, some members expressed concerns about the governance of the Hong Kong Chinese Orchestra. Members agreed that the Panel should discuss the Government's subvention policy for major performing arts groups ("MPAGs") and monitoring of MPAGs' performance in complying with the requirements set out in the Funding and Services Agreements which the Home Affairs Bureau had entered into with each of the MPAGs.

To be confirmed

13. Provision of cultural, recreational and sports facilities

At the meeting on 15 October 2015, Hon Christopher CHUNG proposed to discuss the provision of soccer pitches in districts and the booking system of sports facilities with a view to tackling touting activities. He also expressed concern about the condition of the existing artificial turf soccer pitches and the updated position regarding the reconstruction of the Hong Kong Stadium Turf Pitch.

To be confirmed

At the same meeting, Hon CHAN Han-pan expressed concern about over-subscription of performing venues and community halls. He proposed to discuss the adequacy of cultural venues to meet service demand. Hon Christopher CHUNG suggested that the Panel should also discuss the Venue Partnership Scheme to review its effectiveness. At the request of the Panel, the Administration provided an information paper entitled "The design and maintenance of the artificial turf football pitches under the management of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department" in November 2015 [LC Paper No. CB(2)295/15-16(01)].

14. Review of the Building Management Ordinance

At the meeting on 17 May 2016, the Administration advised that it would submit relevant legislative proposals in the

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next legislative term for consultation with the Panel. Some members suggested that the Panel should receive public views when such proposals were available.

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