

Panel on Home Affairs

List of outstanding items for discussion

(as at 20 December 2016)

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for discussion**

1. Briefing by the Secretary for Home Affairs on the Chief Executive's 2017 Policy Address

To brief members on the initiatives in the 2017 Policy Address of the Home Affairs Bureau ("HAB").

January 2017

2. Revamping of the Permanent Exhibition of the Hong Kong Railway Museum

To brief Members on the plan to revamp the permanent exhibition of the Hong Kong Railway Museum.

January 2017

3. Intangible Cultural Heritage Representative List

To brief members on the promulgation of Hong Kong's first Intangible Cultural Heritage Representative List.

Q1 2017

4. Financial arrangement for the Property Management Services Authority

To brief members on the financial arrangement of the Property Services Management Authority, including the amount of levy payable, exemptions and the tentative licence fees.

Q1 2017

5. Kai Tak Sports Park

To brief members on the development plan of the Kai Tak Sports Park on the north apron of the former Kai Tak Airport. The Sports Park will provide a main stadium, an indoor sports centre, a public sports ground, a large landscaped park and commercial elements.

Q1 2017

6. Reprovisioning of Shanghai Street refuse collection point and street sleepers' services units to the site of Hau Cheung Street for the Phase II development of Yau Ma Tei Theatre project

The proposed project is for the reprovisioning of the Shanghai Street refuse collection point ("RCP") and street

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sleepers' services unit ("SSSU") so as to vacate the existing site for the phase II development of Yau Ma Tei Theatre project. Taking into account the comments from members of the Panel in December 2013 and the Public Works Subcommittee ("PWSC") in January 2014, the Administration has addressed their concerns as far as practicable by expanding the project scope to provide two additional floors for the Leisure and Cultural Services Department in order to increase the vertical distance between RCP and SSSU. The revised scheme of the reprovisioning project was endorsed by the Panel in March 2016 and PWSC in June 2016, but voted down at the Finance Committee ("FC") meeting in July 2016. The Administration will consider members' concerns raised at the FC meeting and consult the Panel before submitting its funding proposal to PWSC.

7. Replacement of chiller systems at Hong Kong Coliseum, Sha Tin Town Hall and Ma On Shan Sports Centre cum Public Library

To brief Members on the plan to replace the chiller systems at the Hong Kong Coliseum, Sha Tin Town Hall and Ma On Shan Sports Centre cum Public Library due to the deterioration and poor performance of the existing systems.

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8. 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.

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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.

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9. Review of Hotel and Guesthouse Accommodation Ordinance

To consult members on the latest proposed amendments to the Hotel and Guesthouse Accommodation Ordinance (Cap. 349) (following the last consultation on 24 March 2015) and report progress on the administrative enhancement measures implemented in end-December 2015.

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10. Review of the Building Management Ordinance

To consult Members on the proposed way forward for the review of the Building Management Ordinance (Cap. 344), following the last consultation on 17 May 2016.

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11. 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) 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

12. 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

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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]).

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). The Administration further provided an information paper (File Ref.: HAB/CR 1/17/99) in June 2016.

This item is proposed to be deleted.

13. 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

The item "Promotion of sports and art education in schools" is included in the list of outstanding items for discussion of the Panel on Education ("EP"). EP is requested to invite members of this Panel to join the discussion of the item.

This item is proposed to be deleted.

14. 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

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governance. The issue was referred to this Panel for consideration.

This item is proposed to be deleted.

15. 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 the Home Affairs Department ("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)].

16. 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

The Administration has advised that the Panel on Welfare Services will follow up this matter.

This item is proposed to be deleted.

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17. 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.

18. 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

19. 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

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set out in the Funding and Services Agreements which HAB had entered into with each of the MPAGs.

20. 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)].