

Panel on Home Affairs

List of outstanding items for discussion

(as at 19 May 2017)

**Proposed timing
for discussion**

1. 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.

The Administration is finalizing the recommendations of the PRL policy review and plans to report to the Panel within the current legislative session.

2. Community Care Fund

At the Panel meeting on 21 December 2016, the Administration committed to report regularly on the financial position of the Community Care Fund ("CCF") and the implementation progress of its programmes to the Panel every six months. In this connection, the Administration would report the latest progress on CCF to members in the June meeting.

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3. 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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4. Kai Tak Avenue Park in Kowloon City District

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To seek members' support for the proposal to build the Kai Tak Avenue Park in Kowloon City District.

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

To be confirmed

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 outcome of the public consultation will be considered together with the recommendations of Audit Commission made in Report No. 68 on the management of Chinese temples and comments of the Public Accounts Committee. The Administration undertook to report the outcome of the public consultation in the second half of 2017.

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

To be confirmed

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.

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

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Administration's written response was circulated to members on 1 November 2013 [LC Paper No. CB(2)202/13-14(01)].

7. 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.

At the Panel meeting on 27 February 2017, members agreed to follow up on the issues raised in the submission provided by the Hong Kong Theatres Association Ltd. [LC Paper No. CB(2)852/16-17(01)] regarding the licensing and operation of the cinema industry, which includes a request for review and updating of PPEO.

8. 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

9. Matters relating to the funding for and the governance

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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 HAB had entered into with each of the MPAGs.

To be confirmed

10. 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)].

Hon HUI Chi-fung proposed to discuss issues relating to (a) pet gardens; (b) provision of family-friendly play equipment in facilities managed by LCSD; and (c) the Kwai Chung Park vide his letter to the Panel Chairman dated 14 November 2016 [LC Paper No. CB(2)230/16-17(01)].

Hon CHAN Han-pan proposed that this item be discussed within the 2016-2017 session vide his letter to the Panel Chairman dated 19 December 2016 [LC Paper No. CB(2)462/16-17(01)].

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11. Safety for high-risk sports events

Hon KWONG Chung-yu raised concerns about the safety of high-risk sports events such as boxing in his letter dated 21 February 2017 [LC Paper No. CB(2)873/16-17(01)], and the Administration's reply letter was issued to members on 29 March 2017 vide LC Paper No. CB(2)1089/16-17(01).

To be confirmed

At the Panel meeting on 26 April 2017, members agreed to follow up the issues raised in Hon KWONG Chung-yu's letter.