

**Panel on Commerce and Industry**

**List of outstanding items for discussion  
(position as at 11 May 2018)**

**Timing  
for discussion  
proposed by the  
Administration**

**1. Progress Report on Research and Development Centres in 2017-2018**

The Administration will brief the Panel on the operation of the Research and Development Centres in 2017-2018.

19 June 2018

**2. Proposed amendments to Patents (General) Rules (Cap. 514C)**

The Administration has been pressing ahead with the establishment of an original grant patent ("OGP") system. Following the enactment of the Patents (Amendment) Ordinance 2016 (which provides for the legal framework for setting up an OGP system), the Administration needs to amend the subsidiary legislation, namely the Patents (General) Rules (Cap. 514C) to provide for, among others, the detailed procedural framework. The Administration will brief the Panel on the proposed legislative amendments.

19 June 2018

**3. Promotion of inward investment**

The Administration will update the Panel on the work of Invest Hong Kong in 2017 and outline the way forward for 2018.

July 2018

**Timing  
for discussion  
proposed by the  
Administration**

**4. Latest development of the Hong Kong Science Park and industrial estates, and the Government's measures to support re-industrialization**

The Administration will brief the Panel on the latest development of the Hong Kong Science Park and industrial estates, and the Government's measures to support re-industrialization.

July 2018

It was suggested that deputations including representatives of relevant industries and groups/organizations be invited to attend the meeting and give views on the development of the Hong Kong Science Park and industrial estates, as well as the policy of re-industrialization in Hong Kong.

**5. Proposed creation of a directorate post for the new Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Bay Area Development Office**

The Administration will brief the Panel on the proposal to create a directorate post for the new Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Bay Area Development Office.

Early 2018

**6. Development Plan for a City Cluster in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Bay Area**

The Administration will brief the Panel on the Development Plan for a City Cluster in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Bay Area ("the Development Plan") after its promulgation.

To be confirmed

At the Panel meeting on 12 October 2017, Dr Hon Priscilla LEUNG suggested inviting the Administration to brief the Panel on the policies and measures to help young people and young entrepreneurs leverage opportunities in the innovation and technology sector, in particular the opportunities arising from the Development Plan. It was further suggested that members of the Panel on Education be invited to join the discussion at the relevant meeting.

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At the Panel meeting on 21 November 2017, members considered Hon Michael TIEN's suggestion and raised no objection to hold a joint meeting with the Panel on Economic Development ("ED Panel") and Panel on Financial Affairs ("FA Panel") to discuss the relevant issues, taking into account that the discussion of the said item might likely involve various policy matters which would be of concern to members of the other two Panels. At the instruction of the Chairman, Hon Michael TIEN's suggestion had been referred to ED Panel and FA Panel for consideration. While both the Chairmen of ED Panel and FA Panel raised no objection to the proposed joint meeting, Hon Kenneth LEUNG, Chairman of FA Panel further suggested that the proposed joint meeting be held after the proposed joint duty visit of the two Panels to the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Bay Area.

**7. Trade relations between the Mainland and Hong Kong**

The Administration will brief the Panel on the latest developments of the trade relations between the Mainland and Hong Kong.

To be confirmed

**8. Updating of the Rules of the High Court (Cap. 4A) in relation to court proceedings under the Patents Ordinance (Cap. 514), Registered Designs Ordinance (Cap. 522) and Trade Marks Ordinance (Cap. 559)**

The Administration will brief the Panel on the proposed legislative exercise to update the Rules of the High Court and three other relevant pieces of subsidiary legislation.

To be confirmed

**9. Promoting the industrialization of the beauty industry in Hong Kong**

At the Panel meeting on 21 January 2014, the Panel passed a motion moved by Dr Hon CHIANG Lai-wan on "Promoting the industrialization of the beauty industry in Hong Kong". The Administration was requested to brief the Panel on the relevant initiatives.

To be confirmed

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A joint meeting of the Panel on Health Services ("HS Panel") and the Panel was held on 23 June 2015 to discuss and receive views from deputations on the item "Regulation and development of beauty services". At the Panel meeting on 21 April 2015, Dr Hon CHIANG Lai-wan requested that this item be retained in the List of outstanding items for discussion of the Panel. At the Panel meeting on 18 October 2016, Dr Hon Helena WONG suggested that the Panel should continue to follow up issues relating to regulation and development of beauty services.

At the Panel meeting on 21 February 2017, members agreed to Hon SHIU Ka-fai's proposal to set up a joint subcommittee under the Panel and HS Panel on issues relating to the regulation of devices and development of the beauty industry. HS Panel also agreed to the above proposal at its meeting held on 28 February 2017. The aforesaid joint subcommittee is currently on the waiting list of subcommittees on policy issues to be activated.

**10. Diversified development of industries in Hong Kong**

At the Panel meeting on 18 October 2016, Dr Hon Helena WONG suggested that the Administration should brief members on the latest development of the Government's initiatives to promote the diversified development of industries in Hong Kong. Members of the Panel on Economic Development should be invited to attend the relevant meeting for discussion.

To be confirmed

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**11. Impact of a possible trade war between China and the United States on Hong Kong's economy**

At the Panel meeting on 10 April 2018, members agreed to the suggestion of Hon Dennis KWOK, Hon Alvin YEUNG and Hon Jeremy TAM to hold a joint meeting with the Panel on Economic Development ("ED Panel") and Panel on Financial Affairs ("FA Panel") to discuss the issues relating to the impact of a possible trade war between China and the United States on Hong Kong's economy, and to invite the Financial Secretary and other Secretaries of relevant bureau to attend the joint meeting and brief members on the Administration's measures to mitigate the impact of the above on Hong Kong's economy. Both Chairmen of ED Panel and FA Panel raised no objection to the proposed joint meeting.

To be confirmed

**12. Impact of the Administration's proposal of strengthening the regulation of person-to-person telemarketing calls on the business operation of various industries**

At the Panel meeting on 10 April 2018, Hon SHIU Ka-fai, Deputy Chairman, suggested that the Administration be invited to discuss with the Panel the impact of the Administration's proposal to strengthen the regulation of person-to-person telemarketing calls on the business operation of various industries. Mr SHIU noted that when the Panel on Information Technology and Broadcasting ("ITB Panel") discussed the findings of the public consultation on "Strengthening the Regulation of Person-to-Person Telemarketing Calls" on 9 April 2018, some members of ITB Panel expressed concern about the widespread repercussions on various industries and hindrances to their business operation if a statutory Do-not-call Register was set up, and cast doubt on the definition of cold calls vis-à-vis warm calls. He said that the Administration should be invited to the Panel and discuss the impact of the above on the conduct of business by various industries, especially for small and medium enterprises. Members agreed that the issue be put in the list of outstanding items for discussion with the Administration.

To be confirmed