

Panel on Commerce and Industry**List of follow-up actions**
(position as at 12 July 2018)

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1.	Briefings by the Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development, the Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs and the Secretary for Innovation and Technology on the Chief Executive's 2017 Policy Address	25.1.2017	The Administration was requested to provide a full copy of the consultancy report of the Demand Study for New Convention and Exhibition Facilities in Hong Kong for members' information.	The Administration advised on 3 April 2017 that it had reviewed the consultancy report and obtained legal advice, and considered that the commercially sensitive information should be redacted before the report could be provided to members for information. The Administration was expediting the redaction of commercially sensitive information so as to make the redacted consultancy report available to members for reading as soon as possible.
2.	Promotion of inward investment	20.6.2017	The Administration was requested to include in its next annual report or a progress report the work directions for InvestHK to strengthen its role in providing ongoing support services (such as advice on and assistance in compliance with all the relevant legislation and regulations and liaison with other Government departments	The Administration to follow up.

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			to help apply for necessary licences, etc.) to companies which are keen to set up or expand their businesses in Hong Kong.	
3.	Briefings by the Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development, the Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs and the Secretary for Innovation and Technology on the Chief Executive's 2017 Policy Address	17.10.2017	<p>In respect of the 2017 Policy Address, the Administration was requested to provide information on –</p> <p>(a) the division of work between the Commerce and Economic Development Bureau and the Innovation and Technology Bureau in relation to the various policy initiatives under the 2017 Policy Address;</p> <p>(b) the details of measures to facilitate the flow of capital between Hong Kong and other cities in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Bay Area; and</p> <p>(c) the updated policies and directions for the promotion of re-industrialization, particularly the promotion of the related midstream and downstream sectors, in addition to upstream research and development.</p>	The information provided by the Innovation and Technology Bureau on items (a) and (c) was circulated to members on 12 July 2018 (LC Paper No. CB(1)1257/17-18(01)).

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4.	Latest position of the testing and certification ("T&C") industry in Hong Kong	27.2.2018	<p>The Administration was requested to provide information on –</p> <p>(a) the courses dedicated to the T&C industry offered by the tertiary education sector and the number of graduates of such courses joining the industry; and the Administration's effort in encouraging students to take relevant subjects (e.g. Chemistry) in secondary schools and enhancing students' interests in the T&C sector;</p> <p>(b) whether the Administration would consider developing relevant accreditation and T&C services for innovation and innovation management in various industries;</p> <p>(c) whether the Administration would suitably adjust the requirements of the qualifications framework to align with the practical needs of the relevant industries, including the beauty and hairdressing industry;</p> <p>(d) how the Administration would make use of T&C to upgrade Hong Kong's overall quality assurance systems, e.g. by</p>	The Administration to follow up.

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			<p>implementing market surveillance audit to inspect the integrity and quality performance of auditors and certification bodies; and</p> <p>(e) how the Administration would make use of T&C and accreditation services to contribute to the branding and marketing promotion of Hong Kong's products and services.</p>	
5.	Injection into the Innovation and Technology Fund	20.3.2018	<p>The Administration was requested to provide information on –</p> <p>(a) the improvement measures to the application and vetting procedures for the various funding programmes under the Innovation and Technology Fund ("ITF"), including setting up a centralized frontline office to promote the funding programmes and provide a one-stop service to assist SMEs in their submission of applications for the various programmes;</p> <p>(b) whether key performance indicators would be set to evaluate how effectively each funding programme under ITF was achieving its key objectives, as well as</p>	<p>The information provided by the Administration was circulated to members on 27 June 2018 (LC Paper No. CB(1)1189/17-18(01)).</p>

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			<p>the benefits brought about to Hong Kong economy as a whole, in particular the effectiveness in attracting overseas talents to Hong Kong and grooming local talents; and</p> <p>(c) the measures to further encourage investment in research and development ("R&D"), including: (i) considering the setting of a target of R&D investment as a percentage of gross domestic product ("GDP"), (ii) attracting multinational corporations to set up their R&D centres in Hong Kong, and (iii) retaining local R&D deliverables in Hong Kong's industry chain, by drawing reference from the successful experience of Israel and Singapore, which had high levels of R&D investment as a percentage of GDP.</p>	
6.	Measures to support the Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation and the establishment of technology research clusters; and creation of an Assistant	15.5.2018	<p>The Administration was requested to provide a written response to/information on –</p> <p>(a) the questions raised by Hon CHU Hoi-dick in his letter dated 15 May 2018 regarding animal research and drug testing (LC Paper No. CB(1)966/17-</p>	<p>The information provided by the Administration on items (a) and (b) was circulated to members on 28 June 2018 (LC Paper No. CB(1)1204/17-18 (01)).</p> <p>The information provided by the Administration on item (c) was</p>

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Commissioner post in the Innovation and Technology Commission		<p>18(01));</p> <p>(b) the standards for pre-clinical trial tests such as drug efficacy tests and toxicology studies to be adopted by the animal research and drug testing facilities to be established at the Hong Kong Science Park; and</p> <p>(c) the questions raised by Panel Chairman in his letter dated 18 May 2018 regarding the details of the research clusters, support for the Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation and creation of an Assistant Commissioner post (LC Paper No. CB(1)984/17-18(01)).</p>	circulated to members on 21 June 2018 (LC Paper No. CB(1)1148/17-18(01)).
7. Implementation of a technology talent admission scheme	15.5.2018	<p>The Administration was requested to provide a written response/information on –</p> <p>(a) the concerns raised by The Federation of Hong Kong and Kowloon Labour Unions in its letter dated 13 May 2018 regarding the Technology Talent Admission Scheme (LC Paper No. CB(1)959/17-18(01)); and</p> <p>(b) the supporting measures to attract</p>	The information provided by the Administration was circulated to members on 21 June 2018 (LC Paper No. CB(1)1154/17-18(01)).

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			technology talents from outside Hong Kong, such as the provision of housing allowance and international school places for children of those talents.	
8.	Preliminary idea on abolishing the "offsetting" arrangement under the Mandatory Provident Fund System and the possible impact of the abolition on various industries	19.6.2018	<p>The Administration was requested to provide information on –</p> <p>(a) the potential impact of abolishing the "offsetting" arrangement under the Mandatory Provident Fund System on various sectors, including small- and medium-sized enterprises; and</p> <p>(b) the assumptions adopted by the Administration to come up with various crude estimations regarding the key elements of the preliminary idea on abolishing the "offsetting" arrangement, including the estimated proportion that 79% of incident employers would have adequate funds in their designated saving accounts to meet the severance payment/ long service payment payable in Year 20 after the abolition of the "offsetting" arrangement.</p>	The Administration to follow up.

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9.	Progress Report on Research and Development Centres in 2017-2018	19.6.2018	<p>The Administration was requested to provide information on –</p> <p>(a) the annual commercialization income of R&D results of the five R&D Centres in the past three years, with a breakdown by income from local and non-local enterprises; and</p> <p>(b) the R&D projects of the five R&D Centres with participation of enterprises/institutions from overseas or the Mainland in the past three years, with examples on the relevant R&D outcomes.</p>	The Administration to follow up.