

Panel on Commerce and Industry

**List of outstanding items for discussion
(position as at 8 October 2018)**

**Timing
for discussion
proposed by the
Administration**

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 2018 Policy Address

The Administration will brief the Panel on relevant policy initiatives in the Chief Executive's 2018 Policy Address.

16 October 2018

2. Report on the work of the overseas Hong Kong Economic and Trade Offices and the Offices of the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region in the Mainland and Taiwan in 2017-2018

The Administration will brief the Panel on the work of the 12 overseas Economic and Trade Offices, the Office of the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region in Beijing, the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Offices in Guangdong, Shanghai, Chengdu and Wuhan, as well as the Hong Kong Economic, Trade and Cultural Office (Taiwan) since the last report in November 2017.

November 2018

3. Proposed creation of directorate posts for the new Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area Development Office

The Administration will brief the Panel on the set up of the new Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area ("Bay Area") Development Office, and seek members' views on the proposed directorate posts of the office.

November/December
2018

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Administration**

4. Discussion at multilateral and regional fora on trade facilitation initiatives

The Administration will brief the Panel on the discussions at multilateral and regional fora on trade facilitation initiatives.

December 2018

5. Proposed amendments to the Trade Marks Ordinance (Cap. 559)

The Administration will brief the Panel on the proposed amendments to the Trade Marks Ordinance (Cap. 559) ("TMO") which seek to enable implementation of the Protocol Relating to the Madrid Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Marks in Hong Kong; update certain provisions of TMO; and confer powers on the Customs and Excise Department to enforce the criminal provisions under TMO.

December 2018

6. Proposed framework for implementing a cooling-off period and legislative proposals for strengthening regulation of person-to-person telemarketing calls

The Administration proposes that a joint meeting of the Panel, Panel on Economic Development ("EDEV Panel") and Panel on Information Technology and Broadcasting ("ITB Panel") be held to discuss the proposed framework for implementing a cooling-off period. The item will also cover the enforcement situation of the Trade Descriptions Ordinance (Cap. 362), including online transactions, and will update the Panels on the legislative proposals for the establishment of a statutory Do-not-call Register for strengthening regulation of person-to-person telemarketing calls.

December 2018 /
January 2019

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Administration**

7. 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.

First quarter of 2019

8. 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.

First quarter of 2019

9. Progress of development of Trade Single Window

The Administration will brief the Panel on the latest progress of the development of Trade Single Window.

First quarter of 2019

10. Hong Kong's participation in the Belt and Road Initiative

The Administration will brief the Panel on the development and work of the Government in promoting Hong Kong's participation in the Belt and Road Initiative.

First quarter of 2019

11. Progress report on the Innovation and Technology Fund

The Administration will brief the Panel on the progress of the Innovation and Technology Fund ("ITF"), and seek members' support for continuing the funding support for Technology Transfer Offices of local universities, State Key Laboratories and Hong Kong Branches of Chinese National Engineering Research Centres, and continuing to implement the Technology Start-up Support Scheme for Universities under ITF.

First quarter of 2019

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Administration**

12. Progress of the Professional Services Advancement Support Scheme

The Administration will brief the Panel on the progress of implementation of the Professional Services Advancement Support Scheme and the way forward.

Second or third quarter of 2019

13. Promotion of inward investment

The Administration will update the Panel on the work of Invest Hong Kong in 2018 and outline the way forward for 2019.

Second or third quarter of 2019

14. Latest development of the Hong Kong Science Park and industrial estates

The Administration will brief the Panel on the latest development of the Hong Kong Science Park and industrial estates.

Second or third quarter of 2019

15. Progress Report on Research and Development Centres in 2018-2019

The Administration will brief the Panel on the operation of the Research and Development Centres in 2018-2019.

Second or third quarter of 2019

16. Outline Development Plan for the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area

The Administration will brief the Panel on the Outline Development Plan for the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area ("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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Administration

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 EDEV 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 EDEV Panel and FA Panel for consideration. Both the Chairmen of EDEV Panel and FA Panel raised no objection to the proposed joint meeting.

At the Panel meeting on 15 May 2018, members considered the request by Hon Charles Peter MOK, Chairman of ITB Panel, and agreed that the proposed joint meeting be held by the Panel, FA Panel, EDEV Panel and ITB Panel, as many issues covered in the joint duty visit to the Bay Area, which was held from 20 to 22 April 2018, involved policy matters which were also of concern to members of ITB Panel.

17. 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

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.

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Administration

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.

At the Panel meeting on 17 July 2018, the Panel considered the request from HS Panel for agreeing on its proposed deferment of order of activation of the Joint Subcommittee on Issues Relating to the Regulations of Devices and Development of the Beauty Industry, which was jointly appointed by HS Panel and the Panel, from the second place to the third place, leaving the second place for the Subcommittee on Issues Relating to the Support for Cancer Patients which was newly appointed under HS Panel. The Panel decided not to accede to HS Panel's proposed deferment of order of activation of the Joint Subcommittee on Issues Relating to the Regulations of Devices and Development of the Beauty Industry. The Chairman of HS Panel had subsequently been informed of the Panel's decision.

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18. 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 EDEV Panel should be invited to attend the relevant meeting for discussion.

[Remarks: The Administration has suggested that the above item be deleted from the list. The reason is that the Panel already discussed various items related to the Government's initiatives to promote the diversified development of industries. For instance, the Panel discussed "Latest development of the Hong Kong Science Park and industrial estates, and the Administration's measures to support re-industrialization" on 17 July 2018, "Measures to support the Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation and the establishment of technology research clusters" and "Proposals to strengthen the research and technological capabilities of Hong Kong" on 15 May 2018. All other Members were invited to participate in the discussion of the items.]

To be confirmed

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19. 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, 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 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

[Remarks: Subject to the Panel's agreement on item 6, this item will be deleted from the list.]