

Panel on Commerce and Industry**List of follow-up actions**
(position as at 8 October 2018)

Subject		Date of Meeting	Follow-up action required	Administration's response
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 Invest Hong Kong 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	The information was provided in the Administration's paper (LC Paper No. CB(1)1238/17-18(06)) and discussed at the Panel meeting on 17 July 2018.

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			departments 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; and</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.</p>	The information provided by the Innovation and Technology Bureau on item (a) was circulated to members on 12 July 2018 (LC Paper No. CB(1)1257/17-18(01)).
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</p>	The information provided by the Administration was circulated to members on 26 July 2018 (LC Paper No. CB(1)1313/17-18(01)).

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		<p>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 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</p>	

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			marketing promotion of Hong Kong's products and services.	
5.	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 information provided by the Administration was circulated to members on 10 September 2018 (LC Paper No. CB(1)1382/17-18(01)).
6.	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</p>	The Administration to follow up.

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			<p>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>	
7.	Latest development of the Hong Kong Science Park ("HKSP") and industrial estates ("IEs"), and the Administration's measures to support re-industrialization	17.7.2018	<p>The Administration was requested to provide information on –</p> <p>(a) the on-going assistance provided to start-ups which were graduates of the Incubation Programme operated by the HKSP;</p> <p>(b) the efforts to improve public transport facilities to allow easier commutation into HKSP and IEs;</p> <p>(c) the efforts to resolve the demand for land and premises for R&D processes with special requirements; and</p> <p>(d) how the Administration would, in</p>	The Administration to follow up.

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			pursuance of its objective to develop innovation and technology ("I&T") as mentioned in the Chief Executive's 2017 Policy Address, review existing legislation and regulations in order to remove outdated provisions that impeded the development of I&T, and in so doing, facilitate the use of I&T to benefit the elderly and the underprivileged groups.	
8.	Promotion of inward investment	17.7.2018	The Administration was requested to provide a list of typical issues (e.g. legal and regulatory compliance hurdles) raised by overseas and Mainland entrepreneurs, small and medium enterprises and multinationals companies when seeking to invest in Hong Kong.	The Administration to follow up.