

Panel on Economic Development

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

	Proposed timing for discussion
<p>1. Briefings by the Bureau Directors concerned on the Chief Executive's 2018 Policy Address</p> <p>The Administration will brief the Panel on relevant policy initiatives in the Chief Executive's 2018 Policy Address.</p>	October 2018
<p>2. Proposed retention of one supernumerary post of Administrative Officer Staff Grade B in the Civil Aviation Department</p> <p>The Administration will seek the Panel's endorsement on extending the post of Deputy Director-General of Civil Aviation (2) which will expire on 31 March 2019, with a view to continuously strengthening the senior management of the Civil Aviation Department for improving the co-ordination of various key projects and legislative amendment exercises.</p>	November 2018
<p>3. Proposed establishment changes upon the disbandment of the Task Force on Reform in the Marine Department ("MD")</p> <p>The Administration will seek the Panel's endorsement on MD's proposed establishment changes upon the disbandment of the Task Force on Reform in MD with a view to strengthening the overall management of the department and to enhancing navigational and marine safety.</p>	November 2018
<p>4. Proposed making and amending of the subsidiary legislation under the Merchant Shipping (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Ordinance (Cap. 413) and Merchant Shipping (Seafarers) Ordinance (Cap. 478), and amending the Freight Containers (Safety) Ordinance (Cap. 506), for implementation of the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships ("MARPOL"), the International Convention on Standards of Training,</p>	December 2018

Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers ("STCW Convention") and the International Convention for Safe Containers ("CSC") of the International Maritime Organization ("IMO")

The Administration will seek Panel's endorsement on the legislative proposals to implement the following latest requirements under various IMO Conventions –

- (i) the latest requirements under MARPOL for data collection of fuel oil consumption and recording engine operation status within specified areas;
- (ii) the latest requirements governing the training and qualifications of seafarers on passenger ships and ships using low flashpoint fuels under the STCW Convention; and
- (iii) the latest requirements governing the safety of handling, stacking and weighing of freight containers under CSC.

5. Proposed injection into the Maritime and Aviation Training Fund ("MATF")

December 2018

The Administration will seek the Panel's endorsement on the proposed funding injection of HK\$200 million into MATF for continuing its operation, implementing enhancement measures and introducing new schemes.

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

December 2018 /
January 2019

The Administration plans to consult the Panel on Commerce and Industry, Panel on Economic Development, and Panel on Information Technology and Broadcasting at a joint meeting on the proposed framework for implementing a cooling-off period. The item will also cover the Trade Descriptions Ordinance (Cap. 362) enforcement situation, including online transactions, and to brief the Panels on the legislative proposals for the establishment of a statutory Do-not-call Register for

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strengthening regulation of person-to-person telemarketing calls. The Administration proposes to discuss this item at a joint meeting of the three Panels.

7. Imposition of a mandatory cooling-off period for consumer contracts

See proposed
item 6

At the Panel meeting on 18 October 2016, Hon Andrew WAN, Dr Hon Helena WONG Pik-wan and Hon Michael TIEN Puk-sun proposed to discuss the imposition of a mandatory cooling-off period for consumer contracts and relevant measures to enhance consumer protection. Hon Andrew WAN Siu-kin also proposed to discuss matters relating to the scope and operation of the Consumer Legal Action Fund.

Dr Hon Elizabeth QUAT and Hon LUK Chung-hung raised similar requests in their letters to the Panel dated 20 October and 25 October 2016 respectively (LC Paper Nos. CB(4)27/16-17(01) and CB(4)38/16-17(01)).

The Consumer Council released the report on their study concerning cooling-off period on 19 April 2018. The Administration has indicated that it will study the various issues relating to the imposition of a mandatory cooling-off period, and submit a proposed framework to the Panel in 2018.

The Administration will address the related issues during the discussion of proposed item 6.

8. Issues relating to online consumers' rights and interests

See proposed
item 6

Hon LUK Chung-hung wrote to the Panel on 14 November 2016 proposing to discuss issues relating to online consumers' rights and interests (LC Paper No. CB(4)140/16-17(01)).

The Administration will address the related issues during the discussion of proposed item 6.

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9. Enforcement situation of the Trade Descriptions Ordinance (Cap. 362) and related manpower arrangements

See proposed
item 6

Hon Holden CHOW Ho-ding wrote to the Panel on 12 October 2017 (LC Paper No. CB(4)45/17-18(01)) requesting to discuss the enforcement situation of the Trade Descriptions Ordinance (Cap. 362) and related manpower arrangements.

The Administration will address the related issues during the discussion of proposed item 6.

10. Proposed amendments to Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) (General) Regulation (Cap. 548F) and Merchant Shipping (Local Vessels) (Safety and Survey) Regulation (Cap. 548G)

January 2019

The Administration will seek Panel's endorsement on the proposed legislative amendments to strengthen the requirements on provision of lifejackets on local vessels and to implement safety measures during major events at sea.

11. Reform of the regulatory regime for local pleasure vessels, and enhanced life jacket provision on local vessels and safety measures during major events at sea and revisions to the speed restricted zones for vessels

January 2019

The Administration will –

- (i) follow up the discussion on the reform of the regulatory regime for local pleasure vessels at the Panel meeting on 23 April 2018, and to seek the Panel's endorsement on the revised proposal;
- (ii) seek the Panel's endorsement on the proposed legislative amendments to strengthen the requirements for life jacket provision on local vessels and to implement safety measures during major events at sea; and
- (iii) consult the Panel on the proposed revisions to the speed restricted zones for vessels, with a view to enhancing marine safety.

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12. Hong Kong Tourism Board Work Plan for 2019-2020

February 2019

The Hong Kong Tourism Board will present its work plan for 2019-2020, and brief the Panel on the overview of Hong Kong tourism industry in 2018 and the outlook of 2019.

13. Update on Hong Kong Disneyland Resort

February 2019

Representatives of the Hong Kong Disneyland will update the Panel on the operations of Hong Kong Disneyland Resort for the fiscal year 2018.

14. Report on the work of the Competition Commission

Early 2019

The Competition Commission will brief the Panel on its progress in implementing the Competition Ordinance (Cap. 619).

15. Combating drink and drug boating

First quarter of
2019

The Administration will seek the Panel's endorsement on the legislative proposal to combat drink and drug boating for enhancing marine safety.

16. Update on the development of the Three-Runway System ("3RS") at the Hong Kong International Airport ("HKIA")

April 2019

The Airport Authority Hong Kong will provide an update on the developments of the 3RS project.

17. Regulation of unmanned aircraft systems

Second quarter of
2019

The Administration will seek the Panel's endorsement on the legislative proposal for implementation of a new regulatory regime for unmanned aircraft systems.

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<p>18. Resources proposals relating to the government facilities and equipment to support 3RS at HKIA</p> <p>The Administration will seek members' support on the funding application for the government facilities and equipment to support 3RS at HKIA.</p>	Second quarter of 2019
<p>19. Arrangements on issuing ship exemptions by MD</p> <p>The Administration will seek the Panel's endorsement on the legislative amendments to the Schedule of Specification of Public Offices Notice (Cap. 1C) to delegate the authority of Director of Marine in issuing ship exemptions to professional surveyors of ships with a view to further enhancing the services of the Hong Kong Shipping Register.</p>	Second quarter of 2019
<p>20. Proposal to turn a supernumerary post of Administrative Officer Staff Grade C in the Transport and Housing Bureau into a permanent post</p> <p>The Administration will seek the Panel's endorsement on turning a supernumerary post of Administrative Officer Staff Grade C in the Transport and Housing Bureau (which will expire on 31 March 2020) into a permanent post with a view to supporting the further development of Hong Kong's maritime industry.</p>	Second quarter of 2019
<p>21. Amendments to the Hong Kong Civil Aviation (Investigation of Accidents) Regulations (Cap. 448B)</p> <p>The Administration will seek the Panel's endorsement on the second phase legislative amendments to the Hong Kong Civil Aviation (Investigation of Accidents) Regulations (Cap. 448B) with a view to incorporating the latest requirements for and the manner of conducting investigation of aircraft accidents or serious incidents promulgated by the International Civil Aviation Organization.</p>	Second/third quarter of 2019

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22. Further development of Hong Kong's port

To be confirmed

At the Panel meeting on 12 October 2017, Hon Claudia MO proposed to discuss the further development of the Hong Kong's port to sustain its competitiveness.

23. Update on the Food Truck Pilot Scheme

To be confirmed

Hon LUK Chung-hung wrote to the Panel on 20 April 2017 (LC Paper No. CB(4)908/16-17(01)) proposing to discuss the update on the Food Truck Pilot Scheme ("the Scheme").

On 26 September 2018, the Administration issued an information note (LC Paper No. CB(4)1573/17-18(01)) to brief members on its decision to extend the Scheme for two more years up to 2 February 2021.

24. Development of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Bay Area in respect of the tourism, shipping and logistics, and value-added service industries

To be confirmed

Hon Holden CHOW Ho-ding wrote to the Panel on 24 May 2017 (LC Paper No. CB(4)1280/16-17(01)) requesting information and discussion on the tourism, shipping and logistics, as well as value-added service industries in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Bay Area ("the Bay Area"). The information provided by the Administration on this subject is set out in LC Paper Nos. CB(4)1280/16-17(02) and CB(4)1301/16-17(01).

25. Proposed Member's Bill to amend the Electricity Ordinance (Cap. 406)

To be confirmed

Hon LUK Chung-hung wrote to the Panel on 11 October, 15 November 2017 and 8 January 2018 (LC Paper Nos. CB(4)36/17-18(01), CB(4)222/17-18(01) and CB(4)464/17-18(01)) requesting to discuss a proposed Member's Bill to amend the Electricity Ordinance (Cap. 406) to impose restrictions for resale of electricity to a third party, with a view to avoiding landlords of sub-divisions of flat units

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overcharging their tenants on the use of electricity. The Administration's response is set out in LC Paper No. CB(4)409/17-18(01). At the Panel meeting on 22 January 2018, Hon LUK Chung-hung requested for early discussion of this subject.

26. Enhancing the development of green tourism

To be confirmed

Hon YIU Si-wing wrote to the Panel on 14 November 2017 (LC Paper No. CB(4)200/17-18(01)) requesting to discuss the item on enhancing the development of green tourism. An oral question was raised at the Council meeting of 29 November 2017 on development of green tourism.

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