Panel on Economic Development

List of outstanding items for discussion

(position as at 18 December 2018)

Proposed timing for discussion

1. Proposed framework for implementing a cooling-off period

January 2019

The Administration will consult the Panel on the proposed framework for implementing a cooling-off period for certain consumer contracts.

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

See proposed item 1

At the Panel meeting on 18 October 2016, Hon Andrew WAN Siu-kin, 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 1.

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

January 2019

The Administration will seek 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.

4. 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.

5. 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.

6. Replacement of storm-detecting weather radar at Tai Mo Shan and procurement of a high performance computer to enhance high-impact weather forecast

February 2019

The Administration will consult the Panel on the funding application of the Hong Kong Observatory for the replacement of storm-detecting weather radar at Tai Mo Shan and the procurement of a high performance computer to enhance high-impact weather forecast.

7. Proposed amendments to subsidiary legislation under the Merchant Shipping (Seafarers) Ordinance (Cap.478) to implement the latest requirements of the 2006 Maritime Labour Convention of the International Labour Organization

March 2019

The Administration will seek Panel's endorsement on the incorporation of the latest requirements of the 2006 Maritime Labour Convention of the International Labour Organization in local legislation, with a view to regulating seafarers' working

and living conditions on board ships, and protecting their welfare.

8. Combating drink and drug boating

March 2019

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

9. 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).

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

April 2019

The Airport Authority Hong Kong ("AAHK") will provide an update on the developments of the 3RS project. AAHK is requested to provide a progress report every half-year on this subject. The last progress report was issued to members on 30 November 2018 (LC Paper No. CB(4)274/18-19(01)).

11. Regulation of unmanned aircraft systems

Second quarter of 2019

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

12. Resources proposals relating to the government facilities and equipment to support the 3RS at HKIA

Second quarter of 2019

The Administration will seek members' support on the funding application for the government facilities and equipment to support the 3RS at HKIA.

13. Arrangements on issuing ship exemptions by the Marine Department

Second quarter of 2019

The Administration will seek 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.

14. Proposal to turn a supernumerary post of Administrative Officer Staff Grade C in the Transport and Housing Bureau into a permanent post

Second quarter of 2019

The Administration will seek 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.

15. Sustainable development of Hong Kong's port and development of high value-added maritime services

Second quarter of 2019

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

Hon Holden CHOW Ho-ding wrote to the Panel on 23 October 2018 (LC Paper No. CB(4)108/18-19(01)) requesting to discuss the development of high value-added maritime services.

16. Amendments to the Hong Kong Civil Aviation (Investigation of Accidents) Regulations (Cap. 448B)

Second/third quarter of 2019

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.

17. Implementation of the Trade Descriptions (Unfair Trade Practices) (Amendment) Ordinance 2012

To be confirmed

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 brief the Panel on the implementation of the Trade Descriptions (Unfair Trade Practices) (Amendment) Ordinance 2012, including that regarding online transactions.

18. Issues relating to online consumers' rights and interests

See proposed item 17

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 17.

19. 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.

20. 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 Greater 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).

21. 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 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). Hon LUK Chung-hung reiterated his request for discussion of this subject at the Panel meetings on 22 January and 22 October 2018.

22. 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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