

Panel on Public Service

List of outstanding items for discussion

(Position as at 8 October 2018)

**Proposed timing
for discussion**

1. Briefing by the Secretary for the Civil Service on the Chief Executive's 2018 Policy Address

The Administration proposes to brief members on the policy initiatives relating to the Civil Service Bureau featured in the Policy Address and the Policy Agenda.

October 2018

2. Proposed amendments to subsidiary legislation on discipline made under Disciplined Services Ordinances

The Administration proposes to update members on the proposed amendments to the subsidiary legislation on discipline made under Disciplined Services Ordinances.

To be confirmed

3. Meal break arrangement for the Ambulanceman Grade in the Fire Services Department ("FSD")

In response to a submission dated 7 May 2014 from the Hong Kong Fire Services Department Ambulancemen's Union requesting the Panel to discuss the meal break arrangement for the Ambulanceman Grade in FSD (LC Paper No. CB(4)654/13-14), the Panel agreed at its meeting held on 19 May 2014 to discuss the issue at a future meeting.

To be confirmed

The Administration's response on the issue raised in the submission (LC Paper No. CB(4)775/13-14) dated 4 June 2014 was issued to members on 6 June 2014.

At the Panel meeting on 18 October 2016, Dr Hon Pierre CHAN proposed that this item should be discussed as early as possible.

Hon LAM Cheuk-ting wrote to the Panel on 4 May 2017 requesting that this item should be discussed as early as possible.

**Proposed timing
for discussion**

The Administration has provided an information note on the issue to the Panel (LC Paper No. CB(4)1506/16-17(01) was issued to members on 8 August 2017).

The Administration has further provided an information note setting out the latest situation of the meal break arrangements for ambulancemen of FSD (LC Paper No. CB(4)1585/17-18 was issued to members on 28 September 2018).

4. Grade structure review of disciplined services

At the meeting on 18 October 2016, Hon Jeremy TAM proposed to discuss the remuneration of fire personnel at a future meeting as their remuneration were lower than those of the police.

To be confirmed

Dr Hon CHIANG Lai-wan wrote to the Panel Chairman on 10 October 2017 requesting that the Panel should discuss the grade structure review of disciplined services at a future meeting as the Administration had not conducted any such review since 2008.

The Administration's response on the issue raised in Dr CHIANG's letter was issued to members on 7 December 2017 (LC Paper No. CB(4)344/17-18(01)).

At the meeting on 12 October 2017, Dr Hon Elizabeth QUAT and Hon Mrs Regina IP supported that a grade structure review of disciplined services, in particular a review of the grades in FSD, should be discussed by the Panel as some staff members of FSD had been calling for an independent review of their grade structure and there had been request for the Administration to upgrade FSD to an emergency service which was better remunerated.

Hon Charles Peter MOK and Hon SHIU Ka-chun wrote to the Panel Chairman on 6 December 2017 requesting the Panel to discuss the alignment of the pay frameworks of all disciplined services departments with that of the Hong Kong Police Force.

**Proposed timing
for discussion**

The Administration's response on the issue raised in the joint letter was issued to members on 28 December 2017 (LC Paper No. CB(4)416/17-18(01)).

At the Panel meetings on 15 June and 17 July 2018, the Administration advised that the Civil Service Bureau was examining whether there were sufficient justifications for the conduct of a grade structure review. The Civil Service Bureau would endeavor to come up with a decision on whether to pursue a grade structure review for the disciplined services grades by end 2018.

5. Enactment of legislation to prohibit acts of insulting public officers

Dr Hon CHIANG Lai-wan and Dr Hon Elizabeth QUAT wrote a joint letter to the Panel Chairman on 21 March 2017 requesting that the Panel should discuss the enactment of dedicated legislation to prohibit acts of insulting public officers as early as possible.

To be confirmed

At the Panel meeting on 15 May 2017, Dr Hon CHIANG Lai-wan proposed to discuss this issue at a future meeting.

6. Review of the structure of pilot grade and operations inspector post, and the rank of the Controller of the Government Flying Service

At the Panel meeting on 12 October 2017, Hon Jeremy TAM proposed to discuss at a future meeting the review of the structure of pilot grade in the Government Flying Service and operations inspector post in the Civil Aviation Department both of which required post-holders to possess professional pilot licences. He was concerned about the recruitment and retention problems for these grades/posts given their small establishment.

To be confirmed

At the same Panel meeting, Hon Jeremy TAM also expressed concern that the rank of the Controller of the Government Flying Service was lower than the rank of the commissioners/directors of other disciplined services and proposed to discuss this issue at a future meeting.

**Proposed timing
for discussion**

7. Issues relating to the lifeguards of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department ("LCSD")

Hon HO Kai-ming wrote a letter to the Panel Chairman on 22 September 2017 expressing concerns relating to the lifeguards of LCSD, including grade structure review, manpower situation of lifeguards and feasibility of LCSD establishing a training school for lifeguards and appointing a Medical Director.

To be confirmed

The Administration's response on the issues raised in the letter was issued to members on 17 November 2017 (LC Paper No. CB(4)234/17-18(01)).