Panel on Public Service

List of outstanding items for discussion

(Position as at 17 January 2019)

Proposed timing for discussion

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

When this item was issued at the meeting on 17 December 2018, the Panel passed a motion requesting the Administration to improve the working conditions of lifeguards of LCSD. Some members proposed that the Panel should receive views from deputations on this subject.

2. Update on extension of the service of civil servants

The Administration proposes to update members on the February 2019 progress of the implementation of the initiatives for extending the service of civil servants.

3. Employment of non-ethnic Chinese in the civil service

The Administration proposes to brief members on the 1st Quarter 2019 employment of non-ethnic Chinese in the civil service.

4. Civil service-related matters featured in the 2019-20 Budget

The Administration proposes to brief members on the civil 1st Quarter 2019 service-related matters featured in the 2019-20 Budget.

5. An overview of medical and dental benefits for civil servants, pensioners and eligible dependants

The Administration proposes to brief members on the latest 1st Quarter 2019 overview of the medical and dental benefits for civil servants, pensioners and eligible dependants.

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6.	Implementation of Five-day Week in the Government	
	The Administration proposes to brief members on the latest position of the implementation of five-day week in the Government.	April – July 2019
7.	An overview of the civil service establishment, strength, retirement, resignation, age profile and gender profile	
	The Administration proposes to brief members on the civil service establishment, strength, retirement, resignation, age profile and gender profile.	April – July 2019
8.	An overview of training and development for civil servants	
	The Administration proposes to brief members on the provision of training and development for civil servants by the Civil Service Bureau.	April – July 2019
9.	2019-20 Civil Service Pay Adjustment	
	The Administration proposes to brief members on the civil service pay adjustment for 2019-20.	April – July 2019
10.	Employment of persons with disabilities in the civil service	
	The Administration proposes to update members on the employment of persons with disabilities in the civil service.	April – July 2019
11.	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

Proposed timing for discussion

12. Grade structure review of disciplined services

Since October 2016, a number of members, including Hon Jeremy TAM, Dr Hon CHIANG Lai-wan, Dr Hon Elizabeth QUAT, Hon Mrs Regina IP, Hon Charles Peter MOK and Hon SHIU Ka-chun, have separately made requests to discuss the remuneration of fire personnel of the Fire Services Department and pilots of the Government Flying Service as well as a grade structure review of disciplined services departments, at a future meeting.

The Chief Executive-in-Council decided at the meeting on 2 October 2018 that the Standing Committee on Disciplined Services Salaries and Conditions of Service should be invited to conduct a grade structure review for the disciplined services grades, and the Standing Committee on Directorate Salaries and Conditions of Service should be invited to advise on the salaries and conditions of service of the heads of the seven departments/agency; and in future, a grade structure review should be conducted for the disciplined services grades once every 10 years. A Legislative Council Brief on Grade Structure Review for the Disciplined Services Grades was issued to Members on 11 October 2018.

At the Panel meeting on 11 October 2018, Dr Hon Elizabeth QUAT proposed to discuss the grade structure review to be conducted for the disciplined services grades at a future meeting.

At the work plan meeting on 30 October 2018, the Administration was requested to update the Panel on the progress of the Grade Structure Review in July 2019.

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

Dr Hon CHIANG Lai-wan and Dr Hon Elizabeth QUAT To be confirmed wrote a joint letter to the Panel Chairman on 21 March 2017 requesting that the Panel should discuss the enactment

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of dedicated legislation to prohibit acts of insulting public officers as early as possible.

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

The Administration advised at the Panel meeting on 17 July 2018 that the Security Bureau was studying the issue, including carrying out research on practices in overseas jurisdictions. The Civil Service Bureau issued a set of guidelines to bureaux/departments in March 2018 on helping frontline civil servants understand and respond to verbal violence at work.

14. Review of the structure of operations inspector post in the Civil Aviation Department

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

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