

Panel on Home Affairs

List of outstanding items for discussion

(as at 6 November 2020)

	<u>Proposed timing for discussion</u>
<p>1. Implementation of the Opening up School Facilities for Promotion of Sports Development Scheme</p> <p>At the meeting on 11 October 2018, Hon Vincent CHENG proposed to discuss the implementation progress of the Opening up School Facilities for Promotion of Sports Development Scheme.</p>	December 2020
<p>2. Proposed retention of one supernumerary post of Government Architect (D2)</p> <p>The supernumerary post of Government Architect (D2), designated as Project Director (Sports Park), was created on 1 January 2018 for a period of 44 months till 31 August 2021. The Administration proposes to retain the supernumerary post from 1 September 2021 to 31 December 2023 to continue to oversee the Kai Tak Sports Park project.</p>	December 2020
<p>3. Community hall at Sai Yee Street, Mong Kok</p> <p>To brief members on the plan to provide a community hall at the proposed land sale site at Sai Yee Street, Mong Kok.</p> <p><i>This item is proposed to be deleted.</i></p>	--
<p>4. Facility upgrading of Tai Po Civic Centre</p> <p>To seek the Panel's views on and support for upgrading the existing facilities of Tai Po Civic Centre, with a view to securing funding approval of the Public Works Subcommittee and the Finance Committee within the 2020-2021 legislative session.</p>	To be confirmed

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5. Renovation of Tsuen Wan Public Library

To seek the Panel's views on and support for the renovation of the Tsuen Wan Public Library to upgrade and improve its existing facilities, with a view to securing funding approval of the Public Works Subcommittee and the Finance Committee within the 2020-2021 legislative session.

To be confirmed

6. Proposal for tackling ticket scalping

Further to the Panel meeting on 26 November 2018, the Home Affairs Bureau ("HAB") will introduce legislative proposal for tackling ticket scalping activities for members' discussion.

To be confirmed

7. Youth development work

At the meeting on 12 October 2017, Hon IP Kin-yuen proposed to discuss initiatives to promote participation of young people in policy discussion and politics, as well as the funding allocation mechanism for the exchange schemes for the youth in the Mainland and overseas.

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At the meeting on 11 October 2018, Hon IP Kin-yuen reiterated his above request. Hon SHIU Ka-chun proposed to discuss the implementation progress of the Youth Hostel Scheme as well as the utilization and management of the Youth Square.

During the policy briefing on the 2019 Policy Address held on 4 November 2019, the Administration briefed members on various new and ongoing youth development initiatives, among other things.

As regards the aforementioned issues raised by Hon IP Kin-yuen and Hon SHIU Ka-chun, HAB has provided detailed response to the Legislative Council ("LegCo") in the past, including the funding allocation

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mechanism for the exchange schemes for youth in the Mainland and overseas (written reply provided to LegCo Public Accounts Committee ("PAC") regarding the relevant recommendations given in Report No. 70 of the Director of Audit, as well as progress subsequently recorded in the Government Minutes of 31 October 2018 for reporting to PAC); implementation progress of the Youth Hostel Scheme [LC Paper Nos. CB(2)1192/17-18(01), CB(2)32/18-19(01) and CB(2)24/19-20(01)]; and utilization and management of the Youth Square (all relevant information is provided in HAB's replies to questions from the LegCo Finance Committee on the examination of Estimates of Expenditure every year).

This item is proposed to be deleted.

8. Outcome of the public consultation on the proposed amendments to the Chinese Temples Ordinance

The Panel discussed the outcome of the Review on the Chinese Temples Ordinance (Cap. 153) on 24 March 2015 and held a special meeting on 5 May 2015 to receive public views on the subject. Members noted that the Administration was conducting a public consultation exercise ending on 12 May 2015. The outcome of the public consultation will be considered together with the recommendations of Audit Commission made in Report No. 68 on the management of Chinese temples and comments of the Public Accounts Committee.

To be confirmed

To follow up on the review, in 2016, the Chinese Temples Committee established a Review Task Force which would consult various stakeholders when appropriate. HAB will report to the Panel the outcome of the review after concrete discussion results have been achieved.

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9. Review of Places of Public Entertainment Ordinance

At the request of the Subcommittee on Places of Public Entertainment (Exemption) (Amendment) Order 2011, the Administration undertook to convey members' concern and suggestions on reviewing the Places of Public Entertainment Ordinance (Cap. 172) ("PPEO"), including narrowing down the scope of "public entertainment" and "place of public entertainment" therein, to the relevant policy bureaux for consideration. The Subcommittee agreed that issues relating to the review of PPEO should be referred to the Panel for follow-up. Members' views and the Administration's response on the subject were detailed in paragraphs 27 and 28 of the Subcommittee's report [LC Paper No. CB(2)1152/11-12].

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At the Panel meeting on 10 October 2013, Hon Cyd HO advised that according to a recent ruling of the Court of Appeal, dance performance in the pedestrian precinct did not trigger the licensing requirements under PPEO. She suggested that the Panel should follow up on issues arising from the court judgment when the review of PPEO was discussed.

At the Panel meeting on 27 February 2017, members agreed to follow up on the issues raised in the submission provided by the Hong Kong Theatres Association Ltd. [LC Paper No. CB(2)852/16-17(01)] regarding the licensing and operation of the cinema industry, which includes a request for review and updating of PPEO.

The case mentioned by the former Hon Cyd HO had been put before the Court of Final Appeal. The Court of Final Appeal's ruling had clarified the interpretation of the definition of "places of public entertainment" in PPEO. Since then, the Government has been issuing Places of Public Entertainment Licences and handling the relevant licensing matters in accordance with the interpretation in the ruling.

The Administration is studying the Hong Kong Theatres Association Ltd's proposal to extend the maximum validity period of the licence and has been in communication with the cinema trade. The Administration will report to the Panel as appropriate when there is specific progress.

10. Public lending right

At the Panel meeting on 24 March 2014, members noted the submission from Hong Kong Public Lending Right Alliance on the introduction of "public lending right" in Hong Kong [LC Paper No. CB(2)1015/13-14(01)]. Members agreed on 11 April 2014 to discuss the subject at a future meeting.

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The launch of a "Pilot Programme for Promotion of Local Publications and Reading Culture" ("Pilot Programme") for three years was mentioned in paragraph 22 of the Administration's Paper on "Policy Initiative of HAB" submitted for the Panel meeting on 4 November 2019 [LC Paper No. CB(2)24/19-20 (01)].

After the Leisure and Cultural Services Department's discussions with the publishing sector, additional funding of \$30 million was provided to implement the Pilot Programme for three years starting from April 2020. The Pilot Programme will achieve the policy objective to support local authors and local publications, encourage the sector to utilize electronic platform, and promote Hong Kong's quality reading culture.

This item is proposed to be deleted.

11. Matters relating to the funding for and the governance of major performing arts groups

At the Panel meeting on 24 March 2015, some members expressed concerns about the governance of the Hong Kong Chinese Orchestra. Members agreed that the Panel should discuss the Government's subvention

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policy for major performing arts groups ("MPAGs") and monitoring of MPAGs' performance in complying with the requirements set out in the Funding and Services Agreements which HAB had entered into with each of the MPAGs.

12. Safety of high-risk sports events

Hon KWONG Chun-yu raised concerns about the safety of high-risk sports events such as boxing in his letter dated 21 February 2017 [LC Paper No. CB(2)873/16-17(01)]. The Administration's reply letter was issued to members on 29 March 2017 vide LC Paper No. CB(2)1089/16-17(01).

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At the Panel meeting on 26 April 2017, members agreed to include this item on this list.

13. Kai Tak Sports Park

Hon Vincent CHENG proposed to discuss the implementation progress of the Kai Tak Sports Park project.

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HAB submitted a progress report on the Kai Tak Sports Park to the Panel on 23 April 2019 [LC Paper No. CB(2)1266/18-19(01)] covering the key design features of the winning tender, key contractual requirements, project governance and timetable as well as the fixed payment schedule by the contractor, master layout plan, examples of key sport facilities and current hiring charge of similar facilities, etc. Construction of the project is currently underway. The Administration will provide progress report when appropriate.

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14. Policy on street performances

Hon MA Fung-kwok proposed in his letter dated 29 November 2018 [LC Paper No. CB(2)363/18-19(01)] and the Chairman agreed that the above item be included in the list of outstanding items for discussion.

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