

**Panel on Education**  
**List of outstanding items for discussion**  
(position as at 1 November 2022)

	<b>Proposed timing for discussion</b>
<p><b>1. UGC and UGC-funded institutions</b></p> <p>At the meeting on 25 January 2022, Prof Hon SUN Dong proposed to review the role, structure and composition of UGC, and the governance of UGC-funded higher education institutions. Dr Hon CHOW Man-kong proposed to discuss the rights of the employees in UGC-funded universities and other relevant education institutions.</p> <p>In September 2022, Hon Edward LEUNG proposed to review the composition and institutional governance of UGC.</p>	<p>To be confirmed</p>
<p><b>2. UGC-funded research postgraduate places</b></p> <p>The Administration briefed members on the proposal of increasing UGC-funded research postgraduate places to drive UGC-funded universities in nurturing talents and aligning research activities following the national and Hong Kong strategic development priorities.</p>	<p>December 2022</p>
<p><b>3. Vocational and Professional Education and Training</b></p> <p>At the meeting on 25 January 2022, Hon CHU Kwok-keung proposed to discuss measures to enhance the recognition of Applied Learning (“ApL”) courses, such as exploring linking some more ApL courses to Qualifications Framework (“QF”). Hon Dennis LEUNG proposed to discuss the introduction of vocational skills courses at senior secondary levels with a view to tackling labour shortage. Hon LAM Chun-sing suggested that QF should be strengthened in response to the fast-growing innovation and technology industry and other new industries.</p> <p>In September 2022, Hon Mrs Regina IP expressed concern about the large quantity of ApL courses offered and the low student enrolment of certain courses. She proposed that the Administration should review the offering of ApL subjects to address the problem. Hon Mrs Regina IP also proposed to</p>	<p>To be confirmed</p>

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discuss ways to further promote vocational and professional education and training.

**4. Review of sub-degree education and Diploma Yi Jin**

December 2022

At the meeting on 25 January 2022, Hon Dennis LEUNG proposed to discuss the way forward of associate degrees, including its progression and articulation.

In September 2022, Hon Edward LEUNG suggested that the Administration should brief members on the review and enhancement of Diploma Yi Jin programmes.

**5. Strengthening the support for information technology and STEM/STEAM education**

To be confirmed

At the meeting on 25 January 2022, Dr Hon Priscilla LEUNG considered that the existing education system should not give preference to arts disciplines over science disciplines.

In September 2022, Hon CHU Kwok-keung proposed the Administration to brief members on the implementation of STEAM education in primary and secondary schools, and the support required.

**6. Decline in student population**

To be confirmed

At the meeting on 25 January 2022, Hon CHU Kwok-keung, Dr Hon TIK Chi-yuen, Prof Hon LAU Chi-pang, Dr Hon CHOW Man-kong, Hon TANG Fei and Dr Hon Priscilla LEUNG proposed that the Administration should formulate medium and long-term measures to address the declining student population, including provision of support to kindergartens, review of student admission mechanism of UGC-funded institutions, introduction of talents to the education sector for quality assurance, enhancement of teachers' quality and curriculum design, cross-departmental collaboration in undertaking education-related initiatives, and redevelopment of school premises.

In September 2022, Hon CHU Kwok-keung proposed to discuss issues related to class reduction in primary and secondary schools caused by a drop in student population.

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Dr Hon TIK Chi-yuen proposed that the Administration should look into the impact of the declining birth rate and the increasing number of emigrants on the planning of education. Hon TANG Fei proposed to discuss ways to explore offshore admission of students so as to optimize Hong Kong's demographic structure.

**7. Review of Primary One Admission System and Secondary School Places Allocation System**

To be confirmed

Item proposed by Hon CHU Kwok-keung at the meeting on 25 January 2022.

**8. One school social worker for each school/two school social workers for each school**

To be confirmed

Hon Lillian KWOK, Hon Rock CHEN and Hon Edward LEUNG proposed in their letter dated 21 September 2022 to discuss the enhancement of the "one school social worker for each school"/"two school social workers for each school" policy.

**9. Life Planning Education**

To be confirmed

In September 2022, Hon Mrs Regina IP proposed that the Administration should enhance life planning education ("LPE") and invite experts in various industries to visit schools and hold talks for students so as to enable them to have an overall understanding of different industries and to promote multiple pathways. Hon Lillian KWOK, Hon Rock CHEN and Hon Edward LEUNG proposed in their letter that the Administration should examine the implementation of LPE and featured programmes in existing secondary schools, and study the articulation of featured programmes to LPE.

**10. Kindergarten education**

To be confirmed

In September 2022, Dr Hon Priscilla LEUNG expressed concern about the closure of kindergartens ("KGs") due to under-enrolment of students. Hon CHU Kwok-keung was concerned about the inadequacy of resources for KGs.

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**11. Funding for universities, secondary schools, primary schools and kindergartens**

To be confirmed

In September 2022, Hon CHU Kwok-keung proposed that the Administration should examine and adjust the proportion of funding allocated to universities, secondary schools, primary schools and KGs.

**12. Monitoring of international schools**

To be confirmed

At the meeting on 25 January 2022, Hon Mrs Regina IP, in view of the suspension of operations of Mount Kelly School Hong Kong, proposed that the governance and operations of international schools should be reviewed.

**13. Education support for ethnic minority students**

To be confirmed

Item proposed by Dr Hon Priscilla LEUNG at the meeting on 6 May 2022.

**14. Support for students with special educational needs**

To be confirmed

Hon CHU Kwok-keung proposed that the Administration should early identify students with special educational needs at KG stage and provide holistic support to them.

**15. Tuition fee adjustment mechanism**

To be confirmed

In September 2022, Dr Hon Priscilla LEUNG expressed concern that certain schools had doubled their tuition fees and proposed to discuss the tuition fee adjustment mechanism adopted by international schools, private schools and self-financing schools.

**16. Oath taking by staff of aided schools**

To be confirmed

In September 2022, Hon TANG Fei proposed to discuss ways to first require school managers and then all teachers of aided schools to take oath to pledge allegiance to the Special Administrative Region and the Basic Law.

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**17. Review of the existing education system**

To be  
confirmed

At the meeting on 25 January 2022, Hon CHU Kwok-keung proposed to review the existing education system and its long-term development direction. Dr Hon Priscilla LEUNG was concerned how education policies would be formulated in the light of the development of the Greater Bay Area.

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