

Panel on Economic Development

List of outstanding items for discussion
(position as at 22 March 2022)

	Proposed timing for discussion
<p>1. Inland Revenue (Amendment) (Shipping Commercial Principal Tax Concessions) Bill</p> <p>The Administration will brief members on the legislative proposal to amend the Inland Revenue Ordinance (Cap. 112) to provide tax concessions to attract more ship managers, agents and brokers to set up presence and conduct shipping business in Hong Kong, thereby enhancing Hong Kong's position as an international maritime center. The tax measure is recommended by the Hong Kong Maritime and Port Board.</p>	April 2022
<p>2. Preparatory work for the full implementation of the new regulatory regime of the travel industry</p> <p>The Administration will brief members on the proposed subsidiary legislations to be made and other related preparatory work for the full implementation of the new regulatory regime of the travel industry.</p>	April 2022
<p>3. Report on the work of the Competition Commission</p> <p>The Competition Commission will brief the Panel on its work since the last report in July 2021 and provide an outlook of 2022.</p>	June 2022 (tbc)
<p>4. Update on the development of the Three-Runway System at the Hong Kong International Airport</p> <p>The Airport Authority Hong Kong ("AAHK") will provide an update on the developments of the Three-Runway System project.</p>	Second quarter of 2022

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

Second quarter of
2022

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.

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

6. Proposed amendments to the Pilotage Ordinance (Cap. 84) and its subsidiary legislations

Mid-2022

The Administration will brief members on the proposal to amend the Pilotage Ordinance (Cap. 84) and its subsidiary legislations with a view to –

- (i) amending the requirements of the fitness examination of pilots and to refine existing practices and facilitate enforcement under the Pilotage Ordinance, the Pilotage Regulations (Cap. 84A) and the Pilotage Order (Cap. 84C); and
- (ii) revising the amount of pilotage dues.

7. Updates on marine legislation

Mid-2022

The Administration will brief members on two marine-related legislative proposals:

- (i) to implement the latest requirements under conventions of the International Maritime Organization coming into force in 2022 and 2023; and

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- (ii) to facilitate the use of electronic certificates for Hong Kong registered ships to enhance the efficiency of marine services.

8. Annual tariff reviews with the two power companies

Fourth quarter of
2022

Pursuant to the Scheme of Control Agreements signed with the two power companies, the Government will conduct separate Tariff Reviews with the power companies each year. Thereafter, the two power companies will announce their tariffs for the following year and brief the Panel.

9. Combating drink and drug boating

To be confirmed

The Administration will brief members on the latest progress on the proposed legislative framework to combat drink and drug boating within the Hong Kong waters by introducing compulsory tests for alcohol and drug to improve marine safety.

10. The Hong Kong International Aviation Academy

To be confirmed

AAHK will brief the Panel on the developments of the Hong Kong International Aviation Academy.

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

To be confirmed

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 incidents promulgated by the International Civil Aviation Organization.

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12. Development of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater 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 discussion on the tourism, shipping and logistics, as well as value-added service industries in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area ("GBA"). 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). The Outline Development Plan for the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area was discussed at the joint meeting of the Panel on Commerce and Industry ("CI Panel"), Panel on Financial Affairs, Panel on Information Technology and Broadcasting and this Panel on 19 March 2019.

At the meeting on 25 January 2022, members (including Hon YUNG Hoi-yan, Hon Steven HO Chun-yin, Hon Andrew LAM Siu-lo and Hon YIM Kong) proposed discussing matters in relation to Hong Kong's participation in GBA development.

At the work plan meeting on 21 February 2022, it was agreed that issues on GBA development could be discussed at a joint Panel meeting as such issues straddle the policy areas of different policy bureaux and Panels.

Hon YUNG Hoi-yan wrote to the House Committee ("HC") on 20 January 2022 (LC Paper No. CB(2)19/2022(02)) proposing to set up a subcommittee under HC to study issues relating to facilitation of Hong Kong integrating with GBA in respect of economic and technological development.

13. Management of typhoon shelters and sheltered anchorages

To be confirmed

At the meeting on 17 November 2020, Hon Steven HO Chun-yin withdrew his proposal for setting up a subcommittee to follow up issues relating to typhoon shelters and sheltered anchorages (LC Paper No. CB(4)45/20-21(01)). To follow up on the issues raised in his proposal, he requested the Administration to brief the Panel on the progress made.

In response to Hon Steven HO Chun-yin and Hon Tony TSE

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Wai-chuen requests for discussion of this subject on 21 January 2021 (LC Paper No. CB(4)428/20-21(01)) and 9 July 2021 (LC Paper No. CB(4)1235/20-21(01)), the Administration provided its written responses on 11 February 2021 (LC Paper No. CB(4)511/20-21(01)), 26 April 2021 (LC Paper No. CB(4)867/20-21(01)) and 20 July 2021 (LC Paper No. CB(4)1271/20-21(01)). An information paper was issued to members on 26 October 2021 to update the situation (LC Paper No. CB(4)1688/20-21(01)).

Hon Steven HO Chun-yin wrote to HC on 7 February 2022 (LC Paper No. CB(2)71/2022(01)) proposing to set up a subcommittee under HC to study issues relating to typhoon shelters and sheltered anchorages.

14. Enhancing Hong Kong's position as an international maritime centre

To be confirmed

At the meeting on 25 January 2022, Hon YIM Kong proposed discussing measures to enhance Hong Kong's position as an international maritime centre, including developing port cluster with neighbouring ports in GBA.

At the work plan meeting on 21 February 2022, the Administration advised that it was exploring initiatives to drive the development of a "Smart Port" and promote wider application of digital technology in maritime and port operations. It would report to the Panel the finalized results in due course.

15. Providing support for the tourism industry and cruise industry hard hit by the Coronavirus Disease 2019 ("COVID-19") epidemic

Item proposed to be removed

At the meeting on 25 January 2022, members (including Hon Holden CHOW Ho-ding, Hon YIU Pak-leung, Hon Steven HO Chun-yin and Dr Hon Wendy HONG Wen) proposed discussing the support measures provided for the tourism industry which was hard hit by the COVID-19 epidemic, as well as the business transformation of the tourism industry and tourism development planning for Hong Kong. Hon Mrs Regina IP LAU Suk-ye also proposed discussing the situation of and measures to sustain

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the cruise industry in Hong Kong.

At the work plan meeting on 21 February 2022, the Administration agreed to address members' concerns on tourism industry during the discussion of "Hong Kong Tourism Board Work Plan for 2022-2023" at the meeting on 28 March 2022.

16. Economic impact of the new wave of COVID-19 outbreak

Item proposed to
be removed

At the meeting on 25 January 2022, Hon Jeffrey LAM Kin-fung proposed discussing the economic impact brought by the new wave of COVID-19 outbreak and measures to help the business sectors.

At the work plan meeting on 21 February 2022, the Administration suggested that this subject could be further deliberated at the special meetings of the Finance Committee to examine the Estimates of Expenditure 2022-2023.

17. Progress of Hong Kong's accession to the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership

Item proposed to
be removed

At the meeting on 25 January 2022, Dr Hon Kennedy WONG Ying-ho proposed discussing the progress of Hong Kong's joining the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership. As the subject falls under the purview of CI Panel, the subject has been referred to CI Panel for follow-up.