

**Panel on Security**

**List of outstanding items for discussion**

(position as at 30 March 2022)

**Proposed timing  
for discussion**

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| <b>1. Proposal to legislate pursuant to Article 23 of the Basic Law</b> | <b>First half of 2022</b> |
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At the policy briefing-cum-meeting on 25 October 2021, the Administration advised that it was taking forward proactively the enactment of local legislation to implement Article 23 of the Basic Law in Hong Kong, with a view to taking forward the relevant consultation exercise in the current term of Government.

According to the list of bills planned to be introduced into the Legislative Council (“LegCo”) in the 2022 session (LC Paper No. CB(2)14/2022) as provided by the Administration on 20 January 2022, the Administration will introduce the Safeguarding National Security Bill in the second half of the 2022 session to implement Article 23 of the Basic Law, to enhance relevant laws for safeguarding national security, and to provide for related matters.

At the meeting on 25 January 2022, Hon Elizabeth QUAT, Hon Dominic LEE, Hon Maggie CHAN and Hon Joephy CHAN proposed that the enactment of local legislation to implement Article 23 of the Basic Law in Hong Kong be discussed by the Panel as soon as possible.

The Administration intends to consult the Panel on the proposal to legislate pursuant to Article 23 of the Basic Law.

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**2. Proposed upgrading and creation of directorate posts in the Report on the Grade Structure Review for the Disciplined Services and proposed creation of a Deputy Chief Fire Officer time-limited post in Fire Services Department**

May 2022

The Administration intends to consult the Panel on the following proposals on:

- (a) upgrading of the post of Controller, the Government Flying Service, the creation of one additional Deputy Director/Deputy Commissioner post each in the Correctional Services Department, the Customs and Excise Department (“C&ED”), the Fire Services Department (“FSD”) and the Immigration Department, and the creation of one additional Assistant Commissioner and two additional Chief Superintendent posts in the Hong Kong Police Force for strengthening the directorate staff structure and departmental management structure; and
- (b) creation of a Deputy Chief Fire Officer time-limited post in FSD to strengthen directorate staff support, with a view to enhancing fire safety of old buildings and steering amendments to the Fire Safety (Buildings) Ordinance (Cap. 572) (“FS(B)O”).

**3. Proposed development and implementation of the Advance Passenger Information System**

May 2022

Under the Immigration Ordinance (Cap. 115), the Secretary for Security is empowered to make regulations in relation to the provision of passenger information by carriers, enabling the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region to fulfil its international obligation under the Convention on International Civil Aviation on the implementation of the Advance Passenger Information (“API”) system.

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The Administration intends to consult the Panel on the legislative proposal for the development and implementation of API and the related funding proposal.

**4. Smart Customs Information Technology Infrastructure** May 2022

The Administration intends to consult the Panel on the development of cloud infrastructure, big data application system, and the latest solutions to upgrade information technology security by C&ED.

**5. Control of Cannabidiol** June 2022

At the meeting on 25 January 2022, Hon Elizabeth QUAT proposed that issues relating to the control of products containing Cannabidiol (“CBD”) be followed up by the Panel.

The Administration intends to consult the Panel on the amendments to Part I of the First Schedule to the Dangerous Drugs Ordinance (Cap. 134) for the control of CBD.

**6. Proposed amendments to the Fire Safety (Buildings) Ordinance** July 2022

At the policy briefing-cum-meeting on 25 October 2021, members were advised that the Administration would amend FS(B)O to empower FSD and the Buildings Department to carry out fire safety improvement works for owners of old composite and domestic buildings who had not complied with the requirements of FS(B)O, and to recover the relevant fees from them after the completion of works.

The Administration intends to consult the Panel on the proposal on amendments to FS(B)O and the related public consultation document.

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**7. Kong Nga Po Police Training Facilities**

July 2022

The Administration intends to consult the Panel on the development of the Kong Nga Po Police Training Facilities.

**8. Drug situation in Hong Kong in 2021 and proposed amendments to the First Schedule to the Dangerous Drugs Ordinance**

July 2022

At the meeting on 25 January 2022, Hon LAI Tung-kwok suggested the Panel to discuss the local drug situation, particularly the notable increase in the number of young drug abusers.

The Administration intends to brief the Panel on the drug situation in Hong Kong in 2021, the progress of anti-drug efforts and the way forward in response to the latest drug situation, as well as to consult the Panel on the amendments to Part I of the First Schedule to the Dangerous Drugs Ordinance to bring newly emerging dangerous drugs under control.

**9. Proposed amendments to the Fire Service (Installations and Equipment) Regulations (Cap. 95B)**

Second half of  
2022

The Administration intends to brief the Panel on the proposed amendments to the Fire Service (Installations and Equipment) Regulations to promote a wider and voluntary use of fire extinguishers and fire blankets in all local premises, particularly in domestic premises.

**10. Introduction of a cybersecurity legislation**

Second half of  
2022

At the policy briefing-cum-meeting on 25 October 2021, the Administration advised that it would undertake preparatory work for the enactment of a cybersecurity legislation, with a view to strengthening the

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cybersecurity of critical information infrastructure in Hong Kong. The Administration would engage the relevant sectors and conduct public consultation on the legislative proposal.

At the meeting on 25 January 2022, Hon Elizabeth QUAT, Hon Dominic LEE and Hon Carmen KAN suggested the Panel to discuss the related issues.

Hon Duncan CHIU suggested in his letter dated 10 March 2022 (LC Paper No. CB(2)147/2022(01)) that issues relating to the legislation on data security be discussed by the Panel. Separately, Dr Hon Johnny NG suggested in his letter dated 28 March 2022 (LC Paper No. CB(2)176/2022(01)) that issues relating to protection of Government information systems and data be discussed by the Panel. According to the paper provided by the Security Bureau (“SB”) on the relevant policy initiatives in the Chief Executive’s 2021 Policy Address (LC Paper No. CB(2)51/2022(02)), SB would formulate guidelines to assist Bureaux and Departments in assessing and containing the risks relating to, among others, data security within their respective portfolios in accordance with the forthcoming cybersecurity legislation and other relevant measures for the sake of safeguarding national security.

The Administration intends to consult the Panel on the imposition of statutory cybersecurity obligations on operators of critical information infrastructure.

**11. Sexual Conviction Record Check Scheme and conviction record check on ill-treatment or neglect of children and the elderly**

Second half of  
2022

The Sexual Conviction Record Check (“SCRC”) Scheme is an administrative scheme introduced in 2011 to enable employers of persons undertaking child-related work and work relating to mentally incapacitated persons to check whether eligible applicants have any

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criminal conviction records against a specified list of sexual offences.

The Review of Sexual Offences Sub-committee of the Law Reform Commission of Hong Kong published a consultation paper in November 2020 consulting the public, among others, recommendations relating to the SCRC Scheme. Recommendations from the Sub-committee include extending the coverage of the SCRC Scheme and making it a mandatory one. The public consultation was completed in February 2021 and the Sub-committee is considering the views collected to prepare a report and final recommendations.

At the meeting on 25 January 2022, Hon Elizabeth QUAT proposed that issues relating to the review of SCRC be discussed by the Panel, whereas Hon Maggie CHAN proposed discussion of conviction record check on ill-treatment or neglect of children and the elderly.

**12. Rehabilitation of persons in custody**

Second half of  
2022

Item proposed by Hon TANG Ka-piu at the meeting on 25 January 2022.

**13. Handling acts of harassment against commercial organizations**

Second half of  
2022

At the meeting on 25 January 2022, Hon Paul TSE proposed that the regulation of acts of inciting and calling on attacks or harassment against commercial organizations be discussed by the Panel.

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<b>14. Proposed amendments to the Prison Rules (Cap. 234A) and the Post-Release Supervision of Prisoners Regulation (Cap. 475A)</b>	Second half of 2022
The Administration intends to consult the Panel on the following proposals on:	
(a) amendments to the provisions in the Prison Rules concerning letters, visits by legal advisers and the procurement or receipt of private food and drinks by prisoners awaiting trial; and	
(b) amendments to the provisions in the Post-Release Supervision of Prisoners Regulation regarding specified sentences that are subject to release under supervision.	
<b>15. Acquisition of two rescue stair appliances for the Airport Fire Contingent of the Fire Services Department</b>	Second half of 2022
The Administration intends to consult the Panel on the proposed acquisition of two rescue stair appliances.	
<b>16. Redevelopment of Lai Chi Kok Reception Centre</b>	Second half of 2022
The Administration intends to brief the Panel on the proposed works project for in-situ partial redevelopment of the Lai Chi Kok Reception Centre at 3-5 Butterfly Valley Road, Kowloon.	
<b>17. Redevelopment of the Correctional Services Department Staff Training Institute Multi-purpose Gymnasium at 47 Tung Tau Wan Road, Stanley</b>	Second half of 2022
The Administration intends to brief the Panel on the proposed works project to redevelop the existing Multi- purpose Gymnasium in the Correctional Services	

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Department Staff Training Institute into a new multi-purpose complex.

**18. Manpower, salaries and conditions of service of the disciplined services**

Second half of  
2022

At the meeting on 25 January 2022, Hon Kennedy Wong and Hon TANG Ka-piu proposed that the recruitment situation of the disciplined services be discussed by the Panel. Hon TANG Ka-piu also proposed to review the retirement age of disciplined services grades. Hon JoePHY CHAN and Hon Edmund WONG raised issues relating to the enhancement of remuneration packages for disciplined services and the pay level of auxiliary services respectively.

At the meeting between the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Panel and the Secretary for Security to discuss the Panel's work plan for the 2022 session on 28 January 2022, it was agreed that subject to the views of the Panel on Public Service, the relevant issue can be discussed at a joint meeting of the two Panels.

**19. Protection measures and training for disciplined services staff involved in frontline anti-epidemic efforts**

(see note)

Item proposed by Hon Edmund WONG at the meeting on 25 January 2022.

*[Note: At the meeting between the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Panel and the Secretary for Security to discuss the Panel's work plan for the 2022 session on 28 January 2022, it was agreed that the Administration would provide an information paper on this subject for members to consider whether further follow-up is required.]*



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