

Panel on Development

List of outstanding items for discussion
(Position as at 27 November 2023)

**Proposed timing
for discussion/
Remarks**

(Please also refer to items of Public Works Programme on page 7)

1. Supply of Dongjiang water

The Administration will brief members on the new agreement for the supply of Dongjiang water from 2024 to 2026. 13 December 2023

2. Progress of work by the Sustainable Lantau Office

The Administration will report to members the progress of work for the Sustainable Lantau Office. Q1 2024

3. Legislative amendments to the Waterworks Ordinance (Cap. 102)

Subsequent to the public consultation on the legislative amendment proposals of the Waterworks Ordinance (Cap. 102) completed in February 2021, the Administration is preparing for the drafting of the amendment bill and will brief the Panel on the proposed legislative amendments. 2024

4. Increasing construction manpower supply and adoption of advanced construction technologies

At the Panel meeting on 25 January 2022, the Deputy Chairman (Hon LAU Kwok-fan) and Hon Andrew LAM suggested that the Administration should brief the Panel on the measures to drive the To be decided

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adoption of advanced construction technologies (such as Building Information Modelling and Modular Integrated Construction) by the construction industry. At the work plan meeting on 13 February 2023, it was agreed that the briefing by the Administration would also cover the strategy for increasing manpower supply for the construction sector.

5. Near shore reclamation proposals

The then Member Dr Stephen WONG wrote to the Chairman on 31 January 2022 (LC Paper No. CB(1)41/2022(01)) expressing views on the near shore reclamation proposals at four sites (namely Lung Kwu Tan, Ma Liu Shui, Siu Ho Wan and Sunny Bay) and proposed that the Panel should discuss the progress of these reclamation proposals.

To be decided
(Note)

Note: The Administration advises that the progress of near shore reclamation proposals at four sites was briefly reported by the Secretary for Development at the Panel meeting on 10 February 2022. Individual items on these proposals will be put to the Panel for discussion before further submission to the Public Works Subcommittee ("PWSC"). With the Panel's support to commence study on reclamation of Lung Kwu Tan in Q1 2023 and after completion of the procurement procedures, the Administration obtained PWSC's endorsement for the study in late November. Subject to Finance Committee's approval in early December, the consultancy study will be awarded by end 2023 for commencement of work as soon as possible.

6. Report published by the Law Reform Commission on Adverse Possession

The Administration has considered a report released by the Law Reform Commission ("LRC") on the topic of Adverse Possession on 20 October 2014.

To be decided
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The Administration agrees with the LRC's recommendation that the existing provisions on adverse possession should be retained under the current deeds registration system, and will continue to keep in view the development of the law on adverse possession and related aspects for necessary review as and when necessary. The Development Bureau also explained its position on this matter in an oral reply to a question at the Council meeting of 1 September 2021. The Administration will brief the Panel when there are further developments.

A letter from the Clerk to the Panel on Administration of Justice and Legal Services issued to the Secretary for Development on matters relating to the LRC Report on Adverse Possession in the 2022 session and the Development Bureau's response (LC Paper Nos. CB(4)862/2022(01) and (02)) (English version only) were circulated to members of the Panel on Development on 5 October 2022.

Note: The Administration advises that members were briefed on the legislative proposals for implementing title registration for newly granted land at the Panel meeting on 19 December 2022. The Panel was informed that the Administration would actively consider the feasibility of dis-applying the adverse possession law to new land registered under the proposed title registration system, and would handle the matters relating to the existing adverse possession law in tandem with the study on the full implementation of the title registration system on existing land. The Administration indicated that it targeted to put forward options on implementing the conversion of existing land to the title registration system for discussion with stakeholders and the Legislative Council after the passage of legislation in relation to the proposed title registration system for newly granted land. It aimed at introducing the Land Titles (Amendment) Bill into the Legislative Council in the second half of 2024 for implementing title registration on newly granted land. An

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information paper prepared by the Administration on “Implementation of the Recommendations Made by the Law Reform Commission” (LC Paper No. AS 6/2023) was circulated to all Members on 30 August 2023. The latest position of matters relating to the LRC Report on Adverse Possession is given in the Annex to the information paper (Item 59).

7. Improving the infrastructure in remote villages

At the Panel meeting on 25 January 2022, the then Member Ms Alice MAK suggested that the Administration should brief the Panel on the provision of fresh water supply in remote villages. Hon CHAN Yuet-ming wrote to the Chairman on 30 March 2022 (LC Paper No. CB(1)186/2022(01)) suggesting that as remote villages also lacked other infrastructural facilities (e.g. mobile network service, internet access via optic fibre/broadband, sewerage system and flood prevention system), the scope of discussion under this item should be broadened to cover those matters. At the Panel meeting on 17 January 2023, Hon TANG Ka-piu further suggested that the Administration should brief the Panel on the feasibility of the provision of water and electricity supply facilities as well as communication networks in villages located on remote outlying islands (e.g. Tung Ping Chau and Po Toi Island), including the progress of the feasibility study on Shenzhen’s supply of water to Tung Ping Chau.

To be decided
(Note)

Note: The Administration advises that members will be briefed on the feasibility of providing water supply facility to remote villages (e.g. Tung Ping Chau, Po Toi Island) on 13 December 2023 together with the item on supply of Dongjiang water.

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8. Redevelopment of three squatter areas in Kowloon East

At the Panel meeting on 17 January 2023, Hon TANG Ka-piu suggested that the Administration should brief the Panel on the progress of the redevelopment of the three squatter areas in Kowloon East (viz. Cha Kwo Ling Village, Ngau Chi Wan Village and Chuk Yuen United Village).

To be decided
(Note)

Note: The Administration briefed members on the funding proposal on the site formation and infrastructure works for the public housing development at Cha Kwo Ling Village at the Panel meeting on 28 March 2023.

9. Future use of existing community isolation facilities

At the meeting of the Panel on Security (“SE Panel”) on 17 January 2023, Hon TANG Ka-piu suggested discussing issues relating to future use of existing community isolation facilities following the subsiding of the epidemic of the coronavirus disease 2019. The Clerk to SE Panel subsequently wrote to refer the above-mentioned matter to the Panel on Development for consideration and follow-up.

To be decided
(Note)

Note: The Administration advised that the Chief Executive announced on 31 January 2023 that the Deputy Financial Secretary would be coordinating an assessment on the future use of the facilities, taking into account the potential changes in the epidemic situation, the return to normalcy and social needs. Upon reviewing the existing community isolation facilities and ensuring a certain amount of facilities would be retained, relevant land will be released in phases and units of the isolation facilities will be reused.

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**10. Initial development proposal of New Territories
North New Town (including Lo Wu and
Man Kam To)**

The Administration will brief members on the initial development proposal of New Territories North New Town (including Lo Wu and Man Kam To).

To be decided

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Public Works Programme (“PWP”)

1. Capital Works Reserve Fund block allocations for 2024-2025

The Administration will brief members on the funding submission for the Capital Works Reserve Fund block allocations for 2024-2025.

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2. Hung Shui Kiu/Ha Tsuen New Development Area—PWP Items No. 7787CL (Part) & 7829CL works for Second Phase Development

The Administration will brief members on the proposed funding arrangement of the Hung Shui Kiu/Ha Tsuen New Development Area (“HSK/HT NDA”) for the implementation of site formation and construction of engineering infrastructure under advance works phase 3 and stage 2 works for Second Phase Development. The above items will bundle with PWP Items No. 5054CG “The District Cooling System for Hung Shui Kiu/Ha Tsuen New Development Area, Phase 1” and No. 4428DS “Hung Shui Kiu Effluent Polishing Plant”.

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(Note)

Note: At the Panel meeting on 25 January 2022, Hon Michael TIEN suggested that the Administration should brief the Panel on the development of modern service industry in HSK/HT NDA.

3. PWP Item No. 7864CL—First Phase Development of the New Territories North—investigation and design for San Tin Technopole

The Administration will brief members on increase in approved project estimate for the investigation and design for San Tin Technopole.

To be decided