

Panel on Financial Affairs

List of outstanding items for discussion
(as at 26 May 2025)

**Proposed timing
for discussion at
Panel meeting**

1. Enhancing regulation of licensed money lenders

The Administration will brief the Panel on the proposals to enhance regulation of licensed money lenders in order to address the issue of excessive borrowing.

July 2025

2. Briefing by the Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury (“SFST”) on the policies and measures under the purview of the Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau (“FSTB”) in the Chief Executive’s Policy Address

SFST will brief the Panel on the policies and measures under the purview of FSTB in the Chief Executive’s Policy Address. As agreed at the work plan meeting on 4 February 2025, the briefing by SFST will cover the following two subjects raised by Members at the meetings on 16 January 2024 and 14 January 2025 respectively:

October 2025

- (a) in respect of the clear support of the Central Financial Work Conference for Hong Kong to consolidate and upgrade its status as an international financial centre, the Administration will brief the Panel on the various policy initiatives to consolidate and upgrade Hong Kong’s status as an international financial centre as well as the related work progress, including the progress in facilitating economic integration of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area, and attracting investment to Hong Kong from the Belt and Road and the Middle East regions; and
- (b) in respect of the four key directions of support for the development of Hong Kong as an international financial centre as highlighted by the Governor of the

People's Bank of China at the 18th Asian Financial Forum: first, to support the development of Hong Kong's capital market and continuously deepen the mutual access between the financial markets of the two places; second, to expand and strengthen Hong Kong's position as an offshore Renminbi business hub; third, to enhance Hong Kong's functions as an international asset and wealth management centre; and fourth, to resolutely safeguard Hong Kong's financial stability and security, the Administration will brief the Panel on its policy initiatives and the implementation of these initiatives.

In addition, the Administration proposed that Members might raise issues relating to the subjects (a) and (b) above at the regular briefings by Financial Secretary ("FS") and Hong Kong Money Authority for further discussion.

3. Work progress in introducing the company re-domiciliation regime and developing headquarters economy

At the meeting on 16 January 2024, Members pointed out that the introduction of the company re-domiciliation regime and development of headquarters economy were driving forces of the future development of Hong Kong, and suggested that the Administration brief the Panel on the work progress in the related work and the way forward.

To be confirmed

At the work plan meeting on 4 February 2025, the Administration advised that it had introduced the relevant bill (i.e. the Companies (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill 2024) into the Legislative Council for the introduction of a company re-domiciliation regime in Hong Kong, and a Bills Committee had been formed to scrutinize the Bill. The Administration would report to the Panel in a timely manner after the passage of the Bill, subject to the implementation of the company re-domiciliation regime.

Regarding the development of headquarters economy, the Administration proposed that Members might raise related issues at the regular briefing by FS and the policy briefing by FSTB for discussion.

4. Implementation of the New Capital Investment Entrant Scheme (“New CIES”) and work progress of the Hong Kong Investment Corporation Limited (“HKIC”)

At the meeting on 14 January 2025, Members suggested that the Administration update the Panel on the implementation of the New CIES and the work progress of HKIC in project investment, ecosystem building, cross-border/international collaboration platforms, etc.

To be confirmed

As agreed at the work plan meeting on 4 February 2025, the Administration will report to the Panel when more progress is made on the above work.

5. Developing an international commodities market

At the meeting on 14 January 2025, Members suggested that the Administration brief the Panel on its specific plan to build an international gold trading market, including the relevant policy initiatives, as proposed in the 2024 Policy Address.

To be confirmed

As agreed at the work plan meeting on 4 February 2025, the Administration will brief the Panel on the progress in the development of an international commodities market for gold and other commodities when a more specific plan is available.