

**Panel on Security**

**List of outstanding items for discussion**

(position as at 3 February 2025)

**Proposed timing  
for discussion**

**1. Law and order situation in 2024**

Special meeting on  
11 February 2025

The Commissioner of Police intends to brief the Panel on the overall law and order situation of Hong Kong in 2024.

**2. Following up and responding to cases in which Hong Kong residents were suspected of being lured to Southeast Asian countries and detained**

See Note

The Panel discussed, at the regular meeting in December 2024, the work of the Immigration Department in providing assistance to Hong Kong residents in distress outside Hong Kong, including the work of the Security Bureau in co-ordinating the efforts of law enforcement departments in following up requests for assistance from Hong Kong residents who were suspected of being lured to Southeast Asian countries, and being detained and not being able to leave.

Hon Dennis LEUNG Tsz-wing and Hon TANG Ka-piu issued a joint letter on 13 January 2025 ([LC Paper No. CB\(2\)97/2025\(01\)](#))(Chinese version only), suggesting that the Administration's work to follow up cases in which Hong Kong residents were suspected of being lured to Southeast Asian countries and detained be discussed by the Panel.

At the meeting on 14 January 2025, Hon TANG Ka-piu suggested an early discussion of related issues and Hon Dominic LEE Tsz-king also suggested that this item be discussed by the Panel.

On the instruction of the Chairman of the Panel, the Administration provided a written response to the

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concerns raised in the above joint letter ([LC Paper No. CB\(2\)166/2025\(01\)](#)) on 24 January 2025 to facilitate members' consideration of the need to follow up the matter at meetings.

*[Note: As agreed at the work plan meeting for the 2025 session held on 24 January 2025<sup>1</sup>, this item would be discussed in the context of "Law and order situation in Hong Kong in 2024" (item 1 above).]*

**3. Combating begging activities in public places**

See Note

Hon Doreen KONG Yuk-foon suggested, at the meeting on 14 January 2025, that the Administration's work on combating begging activities in public places be discussed by the Panel.

*[Note: As agreed at the work plan meeting for the 2025 session held on 24 January 2025, this item would be discussed in the context of "Law and order situation in Hong Kong in 2024" (item 1 above).]*

**4. Latest situation on the work of preventing and combating online frauds**

See Note

Hon Elizabeth QUAT, Ir Hon LEE Chun-keung, Prof Hon CHOW Man-kong and Hon TANG Ka-piu suggested, at the meeting on 14 January 2025, that the latest situation on the Administration's work on preventing and combating online frauds be discussed by the Panel, including the penalty levels of and enforcement efforts against the relevant offences.

*[Note: As agreed at the work plan meeting for the 2025 session held on 24 January 2025, this item would be discussed in the context of "Law and order situation in Hong Kong in 2024" (item 1 above).]*

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<sup>1</sup> The Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Panel normally meet with the Secretary for Security in each session to discuss the Panel's work plan for the session.

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**5. Aviation security and counter-terrorism work upon commissioning of the Three-runway System at Hong Kong International Airport**

See Note

Dr Hon Kennedy WONG Ying-ho suggested, at the meeting on 14 January 2025, that aviation security and counter-terrorism work upon the commissioning of the Three-runway System at Hong Kong International Airport be discussed by the Panel.

*[Note: As agreed at the work plan meeting for the 2025 session held on 24 January 2025, this item would be discussed in the context of “Law and order situation in Hong Kong in 2024” (item 1 above).]*

**6. Proposed amendments to the Prison Rules (Cap. 234A) and the Post-Release Supervision of Prisoners Regulation (Cap. 475A)**

March 2025

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

- (a) Amendments to the provisions in the Prison Rules concerning letters, visits by legal advisers, the procurement or receipt of private food and drinks by prisoners awaiting trial and the handling of unclaimed properties of deceased persons in custody; and
- (b) Amendments to the provisions in the Post-Release Supervision of Prisoners Regulation regarding specified sentences that are subject to release under supervision.

Pursuant to the discussion at the work plan meeting for the 2022 session on 28 January 2022, this item was originally proposed for discussion in the second half of 2022. The Administration revised the proposed timing for discussion to the first quarter and third quarter of 2023 respectively in September 2022 and January 2023. At the work plan meeting for the remainder of the 2023 session on 4 September 2023, the Administration further revised the proposed timing for discussion to

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April 2024. The Administration advised in early 2024 that the timing for discussion of this item was to be confirmed.

- 7. Construction of fire station-cum-ambulance depot with departmental quarters and facilities of the Fire Services Department at Anderson Road Quarry Site, Sai Kung** March 2025

The Administration intends to brief the Panel on the public works proposals on the construction of a fire station-cum-ambulance depot with departmental quarters and facilities of the Hong Kong Fire Services Department at Anderson Road Quarry Site, Sai Kung.

- 8. Proposed retention of one supernumerary post of Assistant Director in the Independent Commission Against Corruption** March 2025

The Independent Commission Against Corruption (“ICAC”) intends to consult the Panel on a staffing proposal to retain one supernumerary post of Assistant Director till 31 March 2027 to support the Commissioner of ICAC for discharging the role as the President of the International Association of Anti-Corruption Authorities (“IAACA”) and to serve as the Secretary General of IAACA.

- 9. Visa and immigration facilitation measures for ASEAN visitors** April 2025

The Administration intends to brief the Panel on measures to facilitate visa applications by ASEAN visitors and the implementation of the Immigration Facilitation Scheme for Invited Persons.

- 10. Replacement of Radio Communications System for the Customs Drug Investigation Bureau of the Customs and Excise Department** April 2025

The Administration intends to consult the Panel on the proposed replacement of Radio Communications System

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for the Customs Drug Investigation Bureau of the Customs and Excise Department.

**11. Replacement of Very High Frequency Radio Communication System for Maritime Rescue Coordination Centre of Marine Department** May 2025

The Administration intends to consult the Panel on the funding proposal for replacement of Very High Frequency Radio Communication System for Maritime Rescue Coordination Centre of Marine Department.

**12. Developing the Next Generation Communications System** June 2025

The Administration gave the Panel a preliminary briefing on this proposed item at the regular meeting in April 2023.

The Administration intends to consult the Panel on the funding proposal for developing the Next Generation Communications System by the Hong Kong Police Force.

**13. Operation of land boundary control points and latest progress of redevelopment projects** June 2025

The Panel discussed, at its regular meeting in October 2024, the Administration's policy measures to enhance the infrastructure of land boundary control points ("BCP") and to improve the clearance efficiency, as well as the operation and the latest progress of redevelopment works of BCPs.

Hon Dominic LEE Tsz-king, Ir Hon LEE Chun-keung and Prof Hon CHOW Man-kong suggested, at the meeting on 14 January 2025, that ways to further enhance the operation of land BCPs be discussed by the Panel, including reviewing the opening hours and accessibility of land BCPs, the cross-boundary arrangements for Guangdong-Hong Kong cross-boundary private cars, as well as the use of technology and innovative modes of clearance to enhance clearance efficiency.

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As agreed at the work plan meeting for the 2025 session held on 24 January 2025, the Administration intends to brief the Panel on the operation and the latest progress of redevelopment projects of land BCPs.

**14. Drug situation in Hong Kong in 2024 and anti-drug efforts by the Government**      Second half of 2025

The Administration intends to brief the Panel on the drug situation in Hong Kong, its various anti-drug efforts and the way forward in response to the latest drug situation.

**15. Strategies and measures to deal with emerging new drugs**      See Note

Prof Hon CHOW Man-kong suggested, at the meeting on 14 January 2025, that the Administration's strategies and measures to deal with emerging new drugs be discussed by the Panel.

*[Note: As agreed at the work plan meeting for the 2025 session held on 24 January 2025, this item would be discussed in the context of "Drug situation in Hong Kong in 2024 and anti-drug efforts by the Government" (item 14 above).]*

**16. Overall review of substantive sexual offences**      To be confirmed

The Law Reform Commission of Hong Kong ("LRC") published the Report on Review of Substantive Sexual Offences<sup>2</sup> and the Report on Sentencing and Related Matters in the Review of Sexual Offences<sup>3</sup> in December 2019 and May 2022 respectively.

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<sup>2</sup> The review covered (a) offences based on sexual autonomy (i.e. rape and other non-consensual sexual offences); (b) offences based on the principle of protection (i.e. sexual offences relating to children and mentally impaired persons, and sexual offences relating to abuse of a position of trust); and (c) miscellaneous sexual offences. A total of 69 final recommendations were proposed in the Report for the Administration's consideration.

<sup>3</sup> The review covered a review of the penalties for the offences recommended in the Report on Review of Substantive Sexual Offences; a study on how to reform and improve the treatment and rehabilitation of sex offenders in Hong Kong; and a review of Sexual Conviction Record Check Scheme.

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When the tenth annual report submitted by the LRC Secretariat on the implementation of the recommendations made by LRC ([LC Paper No. CB\(4\)686/2022\(02\)](#)) was circulated to members of the Panel in August 2022, the Chairman of the Panel instructed that this item be included in this list to facilitate members' follow-up to the recommendations of these reports in a comprehensive manner as appropriate. Pursuant to the discussion at the work plan meeting for the 2023 session on 31 January 2023, this item was originally scheduled for discussion in 2024. Subsequently, the Panel discussed, at its regular meeting in June 2024, the Administration's proposed arrangement to expand the coverage of the Sexual Conviction Record Check Scheme in response to the recommendations for the Scheme put forth in the Report on Sentencing and Related Matters in the Review of Sexual Offences.

The Security Bureau advised in December 2024 that its plan was to conduct a public consultation within 2025 on the legislative amendment proposals to implement the recommendations of the two Reports and would submit the legislative amendment proposals to the Legislative Council as and when appropriate.

**17. Joining hands on the road to rehabilitation**

Second half of  
2025

The Administration intends to brief the Panel on the latest development in the provision of rehabilitation services to persons in custody by the Correctional Services Department, including the setting up of the Ethic College.

**18. Latest situation of the handling of non-refoulement claims in Hong Kong**

Second half of  
2025

The Panel discussed, at its regular meetings in April and December 2022, December 2023 and December 2024, the Administration's work on handling non-refoulement claims.

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Hon Elizabeth QUAT, Hon Doreen KONG Yuk-foon, Hon Dominic LEE Tsz-king, Ir Hon LEE Chun-keung and Hon TANG Ka-piu suggested, at the meeting on 14 January 2025, that the Panel should continue to discuss in the 2025 session ways to enhance the Administration's work on handling non-refoulement claims to prevent the abuse of the non-refoulement claims system.

**19. Development of integrated correctional facilities** To be confirmed

At the meeting on 17 January 2023, Hon Elizabeth QUAT suggested the discussion of issues relating to the development of a "super prison".

At the work plan meeting for the 2023 session on 31 January 2023, the Administration advised that it would brief the Panel on the subject of the development of integrated correctional facilities in due course.

**20. Proposals to further open up the Frontier Closed Area** To be confirmed

Hon LAM San-keung suggested, at the meeting on 14 January 2025, that the Panel should discuss how to further open up the Frontier Closed Area, with a view to facilitating the flow of people in Hong Kong and Shenzhen and promoting the development of boundary economy.