

Panel on Home Affairs

List of follow-up actions

(position as at 8 January 2004)

Subject	Date of meeting	Follow-up action required	Administration's response
<p>1. <u>Chief Executive's Policy Address 2003</u></p> <p>1.1 Policy Agenda of the Home Affairs Bureau (HAB)</p>	<p>15.1.03</p>	<p>The Administration has undertaken to provide a further booklet on the Policy Agenda of HAB.</p>	<p>A booklet introducing the work of the Home Affairs Bureau, the Home Affairs Department and the Leisure and Cultural Services Department was issued vide LC Paper No. CB(2)679/03-04(01).</p>
<p>2. <u>Leisure, cultural, recreational and sports service</u></p> <p>2.1 Development of a stadium complex and sports facilities in South East Kowloon</p>	<p>15.1.03</p>	<p>The Administration has undertaken to provide the detailed recommendations on the project once they are available.</p>	<p>Response awaited.</p>
<p>3. <u>International human rights treaties</u></p> <p>3.1 International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR)</p>	<p>11.4.03</p>	<p>The Administration has undertaken to liaise with the Constitutional Affairs Bureau (CAB) to clarify whether the method for selecting the Chief Executive can be amended by or after 2007 under paragraph 7 of Annex I to the Basic Law.</p>	<p>The Administration advised in its letter on 30 September 2003 that it would give the Panel a response in early October 2003.</p>

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<p>4. <u>District and rural administration</u></p> <p>4.1 Village Representative elections</p>	<p>Council Meeting on 12.2.03</p>	<p>The Administration has undertaken to -</p> <p>(a) consider making the maps of Existing Villages available on the website of the Home Affairs Department for the 2007 elections of Village Representatives (VRs);</p> <p>(b) review the subsidies to village offices and Rural Committees through normal resource allocation procedures;</p> <p>(c) examine the issue of extending the period preceding the end of the current term of office of the VR concerned for which no village by-election to fill a vacancy will need to be held as well as the same period for similar requirement for holding District Council or LegCo by-elections in the review of rural elections to be conducted after the 2003 VR elections; and</p> <p>(d) raise the matter of reviewing the Chinese version of clause 13(3)(b) of the Village Representative Election Bill, as well as section 29(7)(b) of the District Councils Ordinance and section 48(7)(b) of the Legislative Council Ordinance, with the Department of Justice and CAB for future review.</p>	<p>The Administration will conduct a review after the 2003 VR elections to consider the way forward.</p>

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<p>5. <u>Women's issues</u></p> <p>5.1 Calculation of interest on maintenance arrears</p>	<p>Referral from the Bills Committee on Interest on Arrears of Maintenance Bill 2001 dated 28.4.03</p>	<p>The Administration has undertaken to develop a computer software for calculation of interest on maintenance arrears and will brief the Panel on the software during the user acceptance test stage before the commencement of the Ordinance.</p>	<p>Response awaited.</p>
<p>6. <u>Promotion of creative industries and local community economy</u></p> <p>6.1 Consultancy mapping study of creative industries</p>	<p>13.6.03</p>	<p>The Administration was requested to revert to the Panel with the report of the consultancy mapping study of creative industries which will be issued in the third quarter of 2003.</p>	<p>Response awaited.</p>
<p>7. <u>Gambling issues</u></p> <p>7.1 Authorization and regulation of football betting</p>	<p>Council Meeting on 9.7.03</p>	<p>The Administration has undertaken to review its policy of authorization of football betting against certain benchmarks, such as the changes in the intensity of illegal gambling activities and the number of problem and pathological gamblers, and report the results to the Panel around two years after the legislation has come into operation.</p>	<p>Response awaited.</p>

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7.2 Measures to address gambling related problems	12.12.03	<p>The Administration has undertaken to provide -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) detailed information on the education campaign targeting adolescents; (b) information on the enforcement actions taken to combat and prevent the problem of adolescents' participation in illegal gambling activities; (c) a copy of each of the contracts signed with Caritas and the Tung Wah Group of Hospitals, which had set out the performance indicators for the evaluation of the services of the two pilot dedicated counselling and treatment centres; (d) the draft code of practice on the operation of authorised football betting in the first quarter of 2004 to consult the Panel; (e) information on - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the average waiting time counting from the time that clients called the two dedicated counselling and treatment centres to register their cases and the dates of their first appointments; and 	Response awaited.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none">- the average interval between the first and second appointments of clients.(f) the outcome of discussions between HAB and the Broadcasting Authority on prohibiting advertisements on gambling from being broadcast on television or on the radio from 4:00 pm to 8:30 pm on any day.	

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