

**Panel on Home Affairs**

**List of outstanding items for discussion**  
(as at 12 July 2004)

**Proposed timing  
for discussion**

**1. Management and resumption of private streets**

This subject was discussed at the meetings with Kowloon City District Council and Wanchai District Council respectively held on 14 March 2002 and 3 April 2003. It was suggested that the Administration should introduce legislation to improve the management of private streets. Hon IP Kwok-him moved a motion on "Resumption of private streets" at the Council meeting on 11 June 2003. The motion, as amended by Hon Mrs Sophie LEUNG LAU Yau-fun, was carried.

To be confirmed

**2. Grant of land at a nominal land premium to private groups or organizations**

An oral question was raised at the Council meeting on 13 November 2002 about the grant of government land at a nominal land premium to private groups or organisations for use as clubs or clubhouses. The Administration has been requested to review the criteria for the grant of land for sports and recreational uses.

To be confirmed

**3. Enforcement of maintenance order**

**a. Setting up an intermediary body for the collection of maintenance payments**

Item proposed by Hon CHOY So-yuk. This issue was last discussed by the Panel on 8 February 2002. The Bills Committee on Interest on Arrears of Maintenance Bill 2001 has also requested this Panel to discuss the setting up of such an intermediary body.

To be confirmed

**b. Streamlining the relevant court procedures**

The Bills Committee on Interest on Arrears of Maintenance Bill 2001 has requested the Panel on

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Administration of Justice and Legal Services (AJLS Panel) to follow up with the Administration on ways to streamline court procedures in relation to enforcement of maintenance order and address the problem of evasion of service of summons by maintenance payers who have defaulted on their maintenance payments. Some members of the Bills Committee have suggested that the summons should be considered to have been served so long as the summons has been served to the address provided by the payer.

AJLS Panel has agreed that as the item falls under the policy area of HAB, it is more appropriate for the matter to be followed up by this Panel.

**4. Future development of public libraries**

The Panel received a briefing on the report of the consultancy study on the future development of public libraries on 13 December 2002. Members requested that the Administration should consult the Panel before finalising its recommendations on the future development of public libraries. An interim report would be provided to the Panel once available.

To be confirmed

**5. Membership of the Full Council and Executive Committee of Heung Yee Kuk (HYK)**

At the meeting of the Duty Roster Members with representatives of the Association of NT Indigenous Residents on 16 December 2002, the latter expressed dissatisfaction with the provisions of the Heung Yee Kuk Ordinance (Cap. 1097) under which the NT Justices of the Peace (JPs) also served as Ex Officio Councillors of the Full Council and Ex Officio Members of the Executive Committee of HYK. They considered that the NT JPs, and Special Councillors and Co-opted Councillors of HYK could not represent and protect the interests of the villagers and indigenous inhabitants of NT and requested that the membership of HYK should be reviewed. Their views and

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requests were referred to the Panel for consideration on 24 December 2002.

This item may be considered along with item 8 on traditional rights and interests of indigenous villagers of NT.

Note

The Administration has advised that it does not propose that this item and item 8 to be discussed in the near future as this is not the right time and more research work has to be carried out before discussions can be fruitful.

**6. Promotion of youth development**

At the policy briefing held on 15 January 2003, members noted that the Commission on Youth (the Commission) had submitted a draft report on unemployment problems of young people to the Chief Executive. Members requested to be briefed on how HAB would cooperate with the Commission in tackling youth problems.

To be confirmed

**7. Sports policy review and problems pertaining to the operation of National Sports Associations**

The new administrative structure for sports development was discussed by the Panel on 14 and 29 July 2003. Supplementary information on the arrangements for the new administrative structure was issued to members on 24 October 2003 under LC Paper No. CB(2)178/03-04.

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At the meeting on 9 October 2003, Hon Albert CHAN proposed to discuss problems pertaining to the operation of National Sports Associations (NSAs). He considered that the Administration should look into problems relating to the administration, financial arrangements, structures and selection of members of NSAs.

**8. Traditional rights and interests of indigenous villagers of NT**

At LegCo Members' meetings with HYK Councillors on 10 June 2003 and 2 March 2004, issues relating to the

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enactment of legislation to implement Article 40 of the Basic Law and exemption from payment of Government rent were discussed. Members agreed that the issues involving policy consideration about the traditional rights and interests of indigenous villagers in NT should be referred to this Panel for follow-up. Members also suggested that HYK Councillors should be invited to attend the relevant meetings to give views when the issues were discussed.

This item can be discussed together with item 5 on membership of the Full Council and Executive Committee of HYK.

Note

The Administration has advised that it does not propose that this item and item 5 to be discussed in the near future as this is not the right time and more research work has to be carried out before discussions can be fruitful.

**9. Request for the Government to formulate a child policy as well as measures to improve the living environment of poor children and assist them to eradicate poverty based on the Convention on the Rights of the Child**

At the meeting of Duty Roster Members (DRM) with representatives of the Society for Community Organisation (SOCO) on 20 November 2003, the latter expressed dissatisfaction with the Government's failure to implement the Convention on the Rights of the Child. SOCO representatives considered that the Government should formulate a child policy as well as measures to improve the living conditions of poor children. A survey report on the overcrowded living conditions of poor children was provided to DRM members. The subject has also been referred to this Panel and the Panels on Welfare Services and Housing for consideration.

To be confirmed

**10. Impact of authorised football betting**

At the Council meeting on 9 July 2003, the Administration undertook to review its policy of authorisation of football betting against certain benchmarks, such as changes in the intensity of illegal gambling activities and prevalence of problem and pathological gamblers, and report the findings

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to this Panel after authorised football betting had been implemented for two years.

The Panel discussed "Measures to address gambling-related problems" at the meeting on 12 December 2003 and "Codes of Practice for the conduct of football betting and lotteries" on 13 February 2004.

**11. Review of built heritage conservation policy**

The subject was last discussed on 22 March 2004. The Administration agreed to provide a progress report on the review in June/July 2004.

To be confirmed

**12. Provision of leisure and cultural services facilities**

The subject was last discussed on 16 April 2004. According to the recommendations of the Subcommittee to follow up the outstanding capital works projects of the former municipal councils, this Panel should follow up those outstanding projects involving leisure and cultural facilities and receive periodic reports from the Administration.

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