

**Panel on Home Affairs**

**List of outstanding items for discussion**  
(position as at 6 October 2003)

**Proposed timing  
for discussion**

**1. Summary Results of the 2001 Population Census**

Item proposed by Hon Cyd HO at the meeting on 14 December 2001. Members would like to receive a briefing on the relevant data of the 2001 Population Census in the policy areas of home affairs. The Administration requested the Census and Statistics Department to collect more specific data e.g. number of ethnic minorities. A paper on "Hong Kong 2001 Population Census - characteristics of South and Southeast Asian minorities (excluding foreign domestic helpers)" provided by the Administration was issued to members on 1 August 2003.

To be confirmed

**2. Policy on the preservation of heritage and monuments**

Item proposed by Hon IP Kwok-him at the meeting on 11 January 2002. Hon Tommy CHEUNG also requested in writing on 1 November 2002 that the Administration should brief the Panel on the details of the related policy and the mechanism to resolve conflicts between the policy and the development plans of privately owned historical buildings. Members would like to be briefed on the result of the review of the policy and ordinance(s) relating to the preservation of monuments in Hong Kong.

To be confirmed

The motion on "Policy on heritage preservation" moved by Hon LAU Ping-cheung was carried at the Council meeting on 12 February 2003. According to the Administration, it is intended to launch a public consultation exercise on the policy on heritage conservation before the end of 2003. Related issue was also raised at the Members' meetings with Wong Tai Sin District Council members on 10 January and 31 October 2002. Duty Roster Members also received views on this subject from representatives of a private archaeological company on 31 March 2003.

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for discussion**

**3. Government boards and committee system**

The results of the survey on government advisory and statutory bodies (ASBs) conducted by the Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) in 2001 and the improvement measures recommended by HAB were discussed at the meeting on 12 March 2002. Members were of the view that the Administration should undertake a comprehensive review of the ASB system and provide a detailed report on the review for future discussion.

To be confirmed

The Administration briefed members on the review of ASBs being conducted at the Panel meeting on 14 March 2003 when the research on the system of advisory committees in some overseas places was discussed. The Administration proposed to discuss the issue when the first stage review is completed.

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

At the Members' meeting with Kowloon City District Council (KCDC) on 14 March 2002, the issue of resumption of private streets was discussed. It was suggested that the Administration should introduce legislative measures to improve the management of private streets. Issues related to the management of private streets were referred to the Panel for follow-up on 16 May 2002. The issue of resumption of private streets was also discussed at the Members' meeting with Wanchai District Council (WDC) on 3 April 2003. Hon IP Kwok-him moved the 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

**5. Application for Temporary Places of Public Entertainment Licence (the licence)**

At the Members' meeting with Kwun Tong District Council (KTDC) on 4 July 2002, KTDC members requested that non-profit making activities organized jointly with Government departments should be exempted from the application for the licence and that activities subsidized by Government should

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benefit from a simplified procedure. They opined that the existing licence application procedures were cumbersome, inflexible, not user-friendly to the organizers of community activities nor conducive to the objective of promoting community relations. Members attending the meeting considered it necessary to review the licensing procedure as well as the policy on waiving of charges for both the licence and the Fire Services Certificate which was a prerequisite for the licence. The subject was referred to the Panel for follow-up on 30 July 2002.

According to the Administration, it will review whether the valid period of a permanent PPE licence can be extended to at least 24 months. It will also review the discrepancy between the existing fees for the issue of an annual PPE licence in the urban and New Territories (NT) areas. The review should be completed by October 2003.

**6. 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 organizations for use as clubs or clubhouses. Members are of the view that the Administration should review the existing criteria for the grant of land for sports and recreational uses.

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**7. Building Management (Amendment) Bill**

The Administration advised on 13 November 2002 that it would brief the Panel on the Building Management (Amendment) Bill in June 2003. The purpose of the Bill is to improve the legislative framework on private building management. A subcommittee has been set up under the Panel to discuss with the Administration the review of the Building Management Ordinance. According to the Administration, as it is necessary to conduct further consultation, introduction of the Bill is deferred to the 2003-04 legislative session.

October/  
November 2003

**Proposed timing  
for discussion**

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

Item proposed by Hon CHOY So-yuk on 13 November 2002. The issue was last discussed by the Panel at its meeting on 8 February 2002. The setting up of such an intermediary body is also recommended by the Bills Committee on Interest on Arrears of Maintenance Bill 2001. The recommendation of the Bills Committee has been referred to the Panel for consideration.

To be confirmed

**9. Future development of the public libraries**

The Panel received a briefing on the report of the consultancy study on the future development of the public libraries at the meeting on 13 December 2002. Members agreed that the Administration should revert to the Panel before finalizing its recommendations on the future development of public libraries.

To be confirmed

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

To be confirmed

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**11. Promotion of youth development**

At the briefing on the Policy Agenda of HAB on 15 January 2003, members noted that the Commission on Youth had submitted a draft report on the unemployment problems of the young people in Hong Kong to the Chief Executive recently. Discussions on the report were being conducted by members of the Commission and a brain storming session would be held in due course. Members would like to be briefed on the detailed recommendations on how HAB and the Commission on Youth would cooperate in tackling youth problems.

To be confirmed

**12. Priority of the provision of leisure and cultural services (LCS) facilities**

When the priority of the provision of LCS facilities was discussed at the meeting on 11 April 2003, members suggested that the subject be further discussed in June 2003 or when the results of the Consultancy Study on the Provision of Regional/District Cultural and Performance Facilities were available. At members' request, a paper provided by the Administration responding to the issues and concerns raised at that meeting was issued on 10 July 2003.

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The House Committee endorsed the recommendations of the Subcommittee to follow up the outstanding capital works projects of the former municipal councils on 20 June 2003. According to the recommendations, the Panel should follow up the outstanding projects involving leisure and cultural facilities and receive periodic progress reports by the Administration on these projects. Members may wish to receive such progress report when this item is discussed.

**13. Measures to address gambling-related problems**

The Betting Duty (Amendment) Bill 2003 resumed its Second Reading debate at the Council meeting on 9 July 2003. The Administration has undertaken to make a progress report to the Panel at its first regular meeting in the 2003-04 legislative session on the implementation of the educational measures as well as provision of counselling and

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treatment services to address gambling-related problems, and enforcement action taken by the Police in combating illegal football gambling activities.

**14. Sports policy review**

The new administrative structure for sports development was discussed by the Panel at the meetings on 14 and 29 July 2003. At the meeting on 29 July, the Administration undertook to provide detailed arrangements for the new administrative structure to the Panel for further discussion before introduction of the Bill to repeal the Hong Kong Sports Development Board (Cap. 1149) in October/November 2003.

To be confirmed

**15. Research on monitoring mechanisms for the implementation of international human rights treaties in selected places**

At its meeting on 9 May 2003, the Panel requested the Research and Library Services Division to conduct a research on monitoring mechanisms for the implementation of international human rights treaties in selected places. The Panel endorsed the research outline at its meeting on 14 July 2003. The research will be completed by October 2003.

To be confirmed

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

At LegCo Members' meeting with HYK Councillors on 10 June 2003, the issues relating to the 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 involved policy consideration on the traditional rights and interests of indigenous villagers in NT. The views of HYK Councillors were referred to the Panel for follow-up on 4 August 2003. Members attending the meeting have suggested that HYK should be invited to give views to the Panel when the issues are discussed.

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**17. Remuneration package for District Council Members of  
the Second Term District Councils (2004-07)**

According to the Administration, the Independent Commission on Remuneration for Members of DCs of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region had completed a review of the remuneration package for DC members. The Administration would like to consult the Panel on the Commission's recommendations in the first available time slot before submitting it to the Finance Committee.

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