

Panel on Home Affairs

List of follow-up actions

(position as at 6 October 2003)

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| 1. <u>Arts and culture</u> 1.1 Surveys on historical buildings | 12.10.99 | The Administration has agreed to provide the results and findings of the surveys when available. | Administration's response was circulated vide LC Paper No. CB(2)2879/02-03 on 22 July 2003. |
| 2. <u>Chief Executive's Policy Address 2003</u> 2.1 Policy Agenda of the Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) | 15.1.03 | The Administration has undertaken to provide a further booklet on the Policy Agenda of HAB. | Response awaited. |
| 3. <u>Leisure, cultural, recreational and sports service</u> 3.1 Development of a stadium complex and sports facilities in South East Kowloon 3.2 New administrative structure for sports development | 15.1.03 14.7.03 | The Administration has undertaken to provide the detailed recommendations on the project once they are available. The Administration was requested to provide the following - (a) written response to the written questions raised by Hon Andrew CHENG on the proposed administrative structure for sports development; | Response awaited. Administration's response was circulated vide LC Paper No. CB(2)2911/02-03(08) on 28 July 2003. |

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| | 29.7.03 | <p>(b) analysis of the 380 submissions received in tabular form and of the relevant editorials of newspapers on sports policy review during the consultation in 2002;</p> <p>(c) information on the number of staff to be laid off and the amount of savings that would be achieved from the re-structuring exercise and how they would be used;</p> <p>(d) the amount of Government resources to be allocated for sports development; and</p> <p>(e) clarification whether the Government had considered the administrative structure proposed by the Hong Kong, China Rowing Association.</p> <p>The Administration was requested to provide the following before introducing the Bill to repeal the Hong Kong Sports Development Board Ordinance (Cap. 1149) in October/ November 2003 -</p> <p>(a) detailed analysis of the 380 submissions received during the public consultation in 2002;</p> <p>(b) written response to the concerns and issues raised by members and deputations, including the advantages of re-constituting the Hong Kong Sports Institute to become</p> | Response awaited. |

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| <p>3.3 The Fifth East Asian Games in 2009 (2009 EA Games)</p> | <p>14.7.03</p> | <p>an incorporated body instead of maintaining its statutory status, and explanations for not adopting other options of administrative structure for sports proposed by members and deputations;</p> <p>(c) criteria based on which funds were to be allocated to the Committees under the Sports Commission, and the amount of funds to be allocated to individual Committees; and</p> <p>(d) work schedule of the restructuring exercise, with particular reference to those arrangements relating to the financial implications listed in paragraph 20 of the Legislative Council (LegCo) Brief (File Ref : HAB/CS/CR 6/8/90).</p> <p>The Administration has undertaken to provide the following information before the Finance Committee meeting on 18 July 2003 -</p> <p>(a) more details on the estimated income and expenditure items for hosting the 2009 EA Games in Hong Kong; and</p> <p>(b) information on the upgrading work to be conducted on public sport facilities in Hong Kong for the 2009 EA Games.</p> | <p>Administration's response was circulated vide LC Paper No. CB(2)2866/02-03 on 17 July 2003.</p> |

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| <p>4. <u>International human rights treaties</u></p> <p>4.1 International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights</p> <p>4.2 International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR)</p> | <p>7.2.03</p> <p>11.4.03</p> | <p>The Administration has undertaken to refer to the relevant Bureaux and departments for consideration the Panel's request for the adoption of the suggestion of the Equal Opportunities Commission to see to the welfare impact of the budget, and for the provision of disaggregated data on each of Government's social programmes to the relevant Panels for consideration.</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 had referred the Panel's request to the Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau.</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> |
| <p>5. <u>District and rural administration</u></p> <p>5.1 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>The Administration will conduct a review after the 2003 VR elections to consider the way forward.</p> |

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| | | <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>6. <u>Racial discrimination</u></p> <p>6.1 Legislation against racial discrimination</p> | <p>14.3.03</p> | <p>The Administration was requested to provide a progress report on its deliberation about legislation against racial discrimination in Hong Kong. The Administration advised on 9 April 2003 that it would provide the progress report in mid-May as it had already been requested to provide the same in two months' time in the motion debate sponsored by Hon Audrey EU on 12 March 2003.</p> | <p>HAB issued a LegCo Brief on "Proposed legislative against racial discrimination" on 19 June 2003 (File Ref : HAB/CR/1/19/102 Pt. 2).</p> |

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| <p>7. <u>Women's issues</u></p> <p>7.1 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>8. <u>Promotion of creative industries and local community economy</u></p> <p>8.1 Application for outside seating accommodation (OSA)</p> <p>8.2 Consultancy mapping study of creative industries</p> | <p>13.6.03</p> <p>13.6.03</p> | <p>The Administration has undertaken to provide information on the assistance it has provided to expedite the processing of applications for OSA in the past year.</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>The Administration's response was circulated vide LC Paper No. CB(2)2742/02-03(01) on 2 July 2003.</p> <p>Response awaited.</p> |

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| <p>9. <u>Gambling issues</u></p> <p>9.1 Authorization and regulation of football betting</p> | <p>Council Meeting on 9.7.03</p> | <p>The Administration has undertaken to -</p> <p>(a) 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>(b) commission academic institutions to conduct tracking surveys on the impact of authorization of football betting on the prevalence of problem and pathological gambling; and</p> <p>(c) consult the Panel on the provisions which are expected to be included in the codes of practice to be issued under the Betting Duty Ordinance (Cap. 108) on the operation of authorized football betting and lotteries.</p> | <p>Response awaited.</p> |