

Panel on Economic Development**List of follow-up actions**

(position as at 22 January 2013)

Subject (Date of meeting)	Follow-up action required	Administration's response
<p>1. Update on the development of a new cruise terminal at Kai Tak (24 October 2008)</p>	<p>The Panel was consulted on the proposal for retention of a supernumerary post of an Administrative Officer Staff Grade C in the Tourism Commission until 31 December 2014 to oversee the implementation of the cruise terminal project at Kai Tak. When the Establishment Subcommittee (ESC) considered this staffing proposal at its meeting on 26 November 2008, ESC members asked the Administration to review the need for retaining the post through regular reports to the Panel on the progress of the cruise terminal project. The Administration has been requested to provide regular reports on a half-yearly basis in every June and December, and to brief the Panel when necessary.</p>	<p>The Administration updated the Panel on the development of the cruise terminal project –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • at the meetings on 25 May 2009, 16 October 2009, 29 March 2010, 24 January 2011 and 23 April 2012 (LC Paper Nos. CB(1)1624/08-09 (03), CB(1)18/09-10(01), CB(1)1439/09-10(09), CB(1)1090/10-11(05)) and CB(1)1600/11-12(05); and • by information notes circulated to members on 23 December 2009, 13 July 2010, 7 July 2011, 7 December 2011 and 30 October 2012 vide LC Papers Nos. CB(1)749/09-10(01), CB(1)2545/09-10(01),

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		CB(1)2674/10-11(01), CB(1)569/11-12(01) and CB(1)102/12-13(01). The Administration advised that the next information paper on the issue would be provided to the Panel in April 2013.
2. Leasing arrangements for the new cruise terminal at Kai Tak (24 January 2011)	The Administration was requested to provide information on the income and expenditure associated with the operation of the new cruise terminal at Kai Tak.	The Administration to provide the written response when ready.
3. Safety Oversight Audit of the Hong Kong Civil Aviation System (22 February 2010)	At the request of members, the Administration agreed to provide further information on the final ranking of Hong Kong when the audit programme for all the International Civil Aviation Organization Contracting States had completed by the end of 2010, the results of which will be available until about 10 months later.	The Administration to provide the written response when ready.

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<p>4. Mega Events Fund (MEF) (22 November 2010) (26 March 2012)</p>	<p>At the meeting on 22 November 2010, the Administration was requested to provide information on the scope of funding for MEF-sponsored events, including the breakdown of sponsorship on event publicity, administrative fees and cost of activities.</p> <p>At the meeting on 26 March 2012, the Administration was requested to list out all major views and proposals made by members at the meeting as well as its responses thereto in the relevant funding proposal to be submitted to the Finance Committee.</p>	<p>The Administration to provide the written response when ready.</p> <p>Members' views were incorporated in the relevant funding proposal (FCR(2012-13)19).</p>
<p>5. Review of the operation of the Travel Industry Council of Hong Kong (TIC) (22 November 2010)</p>	<p>TIC was requested to –</p> <p>(a) provide information on the details of outbound and inbound tours collected from the travel agents for the past year, including whether tourist guides or tour escorts were required to pre-pay the travel agents in advance; and</p> <p>(b) report to the Panel the outcome of the value-for-money audit.</p>	<p>For (a), TIC's response was issued vide LC Paper No. CB(1)2232 /11-12 on 25 June 2012.</p> <p>For (b), TIC to provide the outcome when ready.</p>
<p>6. Aberdeen Tourism Project (14 December 2010)</p>	<p>The Administration was requested to report to the Panel on the progress of developing the Aberdeen Wholesale Fish Market into a tourist attraction.</p>	<p>The Administration advised that the Tourism Commission had engaged a consultant to examine the business viability of the proposed dining and tourist facilities at/near the Aberdeen Wholesale Fish Market. The consultant was</p>

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		finalizing the final report. The Tourism Commission would report the consultant's findings and recommendations to the Southern District Council and the Panel in due course.
7. Briefing by the Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development on relevant policy initiatives in the Chief Executive's 2011-2012 Policy Address (14 October 2011)	The Administration was requested to provide a paper on how it planned to make use of the following developments to create more business opportunities for Hong Kong, particularly in promoting tourism, and industry and commerce in Hong Kong, so as to enable the relevant trades to make preparations and provide support for the developments – (a) expansion of the Hong Kong Disneyland and of the Ocean Park; (b) the Hong Kong National GeoPark's joining of the Global Geoparks Network; (c) commissioning of the cruise terminal; (d) construction of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge; (e) consultation on the third runway of the Hong Kong International Airport; and (f) construction of the Hong Kong section of the Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link.	The Administration to provide the written response when ready.

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<p>8. Information papers issued since last meeting (26 March 2012)</p>	<p>The Administration agreed to provide more information on the pilot scheme on cross-boundary sailing for pleasure vessels recently reported to the Panel vide LC Paper No. CB(1)1376/11-12(01) issued on 22 March 2012.</p>	<p>The Administration to provide the written response when ready.</p>
<p>9. Hong Kong International Airport Master Plan 2030 (26 March 2012)</p>	<p>The Administration agreed to take the following actions –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) explore new methods and technologies that would help reduce land development cost associated with the construction of the third runway, and report back on the outcomes; and (b) list out in the relevant funding proposal to be submitted to the Finance Committee all major views and concerns expressed by members at the meeting as well as the Administration's responses thereto. To assure members that the relevant environmental impact assessments (EIAs) would be properly conducted, the Administration should in particular provide details on the relevant training and experience of the three officers to be seconded to fill the three supernumerary directorate posts concerned that qualified them for the task, and on the measures taken to ensure that the Airport Authority would engage world-recognized experts to conduct the EIAs. 	<p>The Administration to provide the written responses when ready.</p>

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<p>10. Public consultation on proposal to impose concentration limits of phthalates in toys and child care products (26 November 2012)</p>	<p>The Administration agreed to provide information regarding the concentration limits of phthalates imposed by other jurisdictions on consumer products other than toys and child care products.</p>	<p>The Administration to provide the written response when ready.</p>
<p>11. Annual Tariff Reviews with the two power companies (11 December 2012)</p>	<p>The Administration and the two power companies were requested to provide the following information –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) in relation to the two power companies, details of the increase in tariff, in terms of percentage, for different tariff blocks of residential and business customers; (b) in relation to the CLP Power Hong Kong Ltd., the reasons for the discrepancy in Fuel Clause Charge between the figures in the Five-year Development Plan Forecast and the Annual Tariff Review for 2013 (Table A3 of Annex CLP-A); (c) the reasons for the increase in the 2013 forecast operating expenses of The Hong Kong Electric Co. (Table 3 of Annex HEC-B); (d) information on the actual rate of return of the two power companies in 2012, and the estimated rate of return in 2013 as a result of the proposed increase in tariff; and 	<p>The Administration and the two power companies' response was issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(1)378/12-13(01) on 7 January 2013.</p>

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	<p>(e) on the basis that electricity is generated by nuclear energy, natural gas and coal in the fuel mix of 50%, 40% and 10% respectively, the increase in fuel costs of the two power companies.</p> <p>The Administration and the CLP Power Hong Kong Ltd. were requested to provide written responses to the following motion passed at the meeting –</p> <p>"That, with regard to the higher-than-inflation electricity tariff increase proposed by CLP Power Hong Kong Limited (CLP) for the second consecutive year, this Panel finds it unacceptable, and thus urges the Administration to press CLP, as a public utility company, to be aware of its social responsibility and strive to suppress the level of tariff adjustment for 2013 so as to ease the financial burden of the general public by making use of every possible means, including adjusting the balances of Fuel Clause Recovery Account and Tariff Stabilization Fund ("TSF"), and in the meantime, the Government should also, when conducting the mid-term review on the Scheme of Control Agreements next year with the two power companies, grab the opportunity to require them to expand the sources of funds of TSF, such as by allocating certain proceeds from property development to TSF, so as to mitigate the pressure of tariff increase."</p>	

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