

Meetings of Legislative Council Committees

The following is issued on behalf of the Legislative Council Secretariat:

Details of the meetings of the Legislative Council (LegCo) Committees to be held in the LegCo Complex during the week from April 6 to 10 are available in the meeting schedule attached.

The information in the meeting schedule is subject to change. Please refer to the "LegCo Calendar" on the LegCo Website (www.legco.gov.hk) for the latest details of meetings.

Members of the public can watch or listen to the meetings via the "Webcast" system on the LegCo Website. To observe the proceedings of the meetings at the LegCo Complex, members of the public may call 3919 3399 during office hours to reserve seats.

Public hospitals daily update on COVID-19 cases

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

As at noon today (April 3), public hospitals had reported to the Department of Health the admission of 125 patients (63 male and 62 female, aged 6 to 88) in the past 24 hours who met the reporting criteria of COVID-19. Appropriate tests have been arranged for the patients.

There are 689 patients under isolation currently. So far, 173 patients who had COVID-19 confirmed or probable infection have been discharged upon recovery.

The Hospital Authority will maintain close contact with the Centre for Health Protection to monitor the latest developments and to inform the public and healthcare workers on the latest information in a timely manner.

Requirement for cross-boundary goods vehicle drivers to present health proof when entering Shenzhen via Shenzhen ports

The Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) Government noted today (April 3) that, for the purpose of strengthening the measures against COVID-19 infection as well as further protecting the health and safety of Shenzhen and Hong Kong residents and cross-boundary goods vehicle drivers, the Shenzhen Municipal Government will require all cross-boundary goods vehicle drivers who enter Shenzhen via Shenzhen ports to present the "i Shenzhen" health certification code and proof of a negative result of a nucleic acid test conducted within the previous seven days to Shenzhen customs officers for examination before entering Shenzhen from April 10 onwards. Cross-boundary goods vehicle drivers can undergo a nucleic acid test, either at the qualified medical institutions in Shenzhen and Hong Kong or at the site of Shenzhen ports, at their own cost.

The HKSAR Government will continue to keep close contact with the Shenzhen authority and the trade, so as to ensure the normal operation of cross-boundary freight logistics.

Liquor Licensing Board meeting on April 14 cancelled

The following is issued on behalf of the Liquor Licensing Board:

In view of the acute COVID-19 epidemic situation and to align with the Government's latest strengthened anti-epidemic measures, the Liquor Licensing Board announced today (April 3) that open hearings scheduled for April 14 have been cancelled. Further arrangements will be made for the affected open hearing cases.

Housing Authority adjusts its public services

The following press release is issued on behalf of the Hong Kong Housing Authority:

In light of the Easter holidays, the Hong Kong Housing Authority (HA) announced today (April 3) its public service arrangements for next week as follows:

- All Estate Management Offices (EMOs) of public housing estates will be open from 10am to 4pm next Monday (April 6), Wednesday (April 8) and Thursday (April 9) to provide limited general management services for public housing estates and handle cases with prior appointments. For enquiries outside the opening hours, residents may call the contact telephone numbers provided by the respective EMOs, and staff will render assistance as much as practicable. EMOs' shroff offices will be closed. Residents can pay rent at more than 1 000 locations, such as convenience stores and supermarkets. They may also make payments via the Payment by Phone Service (PPS). For details, please browse the following website: www.housingauthority.gov.hk/en/public-housing/rent-related-matters/rent-payment-methods/index.html;

- The following subsidised housing offices will provide limited services from 10am to 4pm next Monday, Wednesday and Thursday:
 - The White Form Secondary Market Scheme Unit in the Lok Fu Customer Service Centre;
 - The Home Ownership Scheme (HOS) Secondary Market Scheme Unit in Lung Cheung Office Block, Wong Tai Sin; and
 - The Home Assistance Loan Unit in Lung Cheung Office Block, Wong Tai Sin;

- The HOS Sales Unit in the Lok Fu Customer Service Centre and the Green Form Subsidised Home Ownership Scheme Sales Unit in Kwun Tong will continue to be open only for applicants with prior appointments;

- The Sham Shui Po Housing Information Centre will continue to be closed until further notice. The Public Rental Housing (PRH) application office in Lok Fu Customer Service Centre will be open from 8am to 4pm next Monday, Wednesday and Thursday to provide limited services in relation to matters involving PRH application;

- The Clearance Housing Office and the Redevelopment Sub-section offices (Pak Tin and Mei Tung) will be open from 10am to 4pm next Monday, Wednesday and Thursday to provide limited services in relation to matters involving clearance housing or redevelopment;
- The Shroff Office on the Ground Floor of the HA Headquarters will be open from 10am to 12.30pm and from 2pm to 4pm on Monday to Thursday to provide limited services. All payment collection services (including premium payments by Subsidised Sale Flats Scheme owners to enable them to complete transactions of their flats) with the exception of rental payment collection will be in operation.

In addition, due to the above work arrangements, the HA may not be able to reply to public enquiries, requests or complaints in a timely manner.

For enquiries, please call the HA hotline on 2712 2712.