

LegCo Public Accounts Committee to hold public hearing next Monday

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

The Legislative Council (LegCo) Public Accounts Committee (PAC) will hold a public hearing on "Sha Tin Section of Route 8" (Chapter 8) of the Director of Audit's Report No.70 at 8.30am next Monday (June 11) in Conference Room 1 of the LegCo Complex.

Thirteen witnesses have been invited to appear before the above hearing to respond to points raised in the Report and answer questions asked by PAC members.

The programme for the public hearing is as follows:

Date: June 11, 2018 (Monday)

Time: 8.30am

Venue: Conference Room 1

Subject: Sha Tin Section of Route 8 (Chapter 8 of the Director of Audit's Report No.70)

Witnesses:

Secretary for Transport and Housing
Mr Frank Chan Fan

Principal Assistant Secretary for Transport and Housing (Transport)2
Mr Tony Li

Principal Assistant Secretary for Transport and Housing (Transport)5
Ms Judy Chung

Under Secretary for Development
Mr Liu Chun-san

Director of Highways
Mr Daniel Chung

Project Manager/Major Works Project Management Office, Highways Department
Mr Kelvin Lo

Director of Civil Engineering and Development
Mr Lam Sai-hung

Deputy Project Manager, North Development Office, Civil Engineering and Development Department
Mr Law Man-tim

Commissioner for Transport
Ms Mable Chan

Assistant Commissioner /Management and Paratransit, Transport Department
Ms Stella Lee

Director of Architectural Services
Mrs Sylvia Lam

Assistant Director (Property Services), Architectural Services Department
Mr Hui Chiu-kin

Acting Director of Electrical and Mechanical Services
Mr Tai Tak-him

PAC is chaired by Abraham Shek, and its Deputy Chairman is Mr Kenneth Leung. Other members include Mr Paul Tse, Mr Steven Ho, Mr Lam Cheuk-ting, Mr Shiu Ka-fai and Ms Tanya Chan.

EMSD announces test results of LPG quality in May 2018

The Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD) today (June 8) announced that the department collected 10 liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) samples from auto-LPG filling stations and LPG terminals on a random basis in May 2018 for laboratory tests. The results showed that the LPG quality of all these samples complied with auto-LPG specifications.

The detailed test results are available on the EMSD's website (www.emsd.gov.hk/emsd/eng/sgi/lpg_smpl_analysis.shtml). Enquiries can also be made to the EMSD's hotline on 2333 3762.

In addition, the EMSD has been vetting independent third-party test reports submitted by LPG supply companies for each shipment to ensure that the quality of imported LPG complies with the specified requirements.

Appointments to Judicial Officers Recommendation Commission

The Government announced today (June 8) that the Chief Executive has

appointed Madam Justice Carlye Chu Fun-ling, Mr Philip John Dykes, SC, and Mrs Pamela Chan Wong Shui as members of the Judicial Officers Recommendation Commission (the Commission).

The Chief Executive has also re-appointed Mr Justice Andrew Cheung Kui-nung as a member of the Commission.

"The four members will serve for a two-year term, starting from July 1 this year, to June 30, 2020," a government spokesman said.

Mr Justice Robert Tang Ching, Ms Winnie Tam Wan-chi, SC, and Mr Christopher Cheng Wai-chee, serving members of the Commission, will retire from the Commission on June 30, 2018.

"We wish to express our gratitude to Mr Justice Robert Tang Ching, Ms Winnie Tam Wan-chi, SC, and Mr Christopher Cheng Wai-chee, for their invaluable advice rendered to the Commission during their term of office, and for their contribution to upholding Hong Kong's judicial independence," the spokesman said.

The functions of the Commission are to advise or make recommendations to the Chief Executive regarding the filling of vacancies in judicial offices, representations from a judicial officer concerning conditions of service referred to it by the Chief Executive, and any matter affecting judicial officers which may be prescribed or which the Chief Executive may refer to it.

Other members of the Commission are the Chief Justice of the Court of Final Appeal (ex-officio Chairman), the Secretary for Justice (ex-officio member), Mr Stephen Hung Wan-shun, Professor Tony Chan Fan-cheong and Ms Anita Fung Yuen-mei.

Report on projections of population distribution for 2018-2026 published

The Planning Department today (June 8) published a report entitled "Projections of Population Distribution 2018-2026", which presents the latest population distribution projections for 2018-2026.

The population distribution projections have been compiled based on the latest projected total population for Hong Kong released by the Census and Statistics Department in September 2017 and the latest planning information.

The report projects that the populations of the New Territories and Kowloon will increase by 441 600 and 140 200 between 2016 and 2026, reaching 4.28 million and 2.38 million respectively by 2026, while that of Hong Kong

Island is expected to decrease gradually from 1.25 million to 1.16 million during the same period.

In terms of share of the total population, the New Territories will rise from 52 per cent to 55 per cent between 2016 and 2026, while that for Kowloon will decrease from 31 per cent to 30 per cent. The share of Hong Kong Island will decrease from 17 per cent to 15 per cent during the same period.

The report also presents the projected population of the District Council districts. Kwun Tong District, Sha Tin District and Yuen Long District are projected to be the three most populous districts in 2026, with populations reaching 721 200, 708 600 and 700 400 respectively.

Wong Tai Sin District is projected to be the district with the highest proportion of elderly population aged 65 or above, rising from 17 per cent in 2016 to 26 per cent in 2026.

The report "Projections of Population Distribution 2018-2026", as well as statistical tables containing the detailed results of the projections of population distribution for 2018-2026, have been uploaded to the website of the Planning Department (www.pland.gov.hk). Members of the public can access the report and the tables directly at www.pland.gov.hk/pland_en/info_serv/statistic/wgpd18.html.

FEHD orders Fanling restaurant to suspend business for 14 days

The Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene has ordered a restaurant in Fanling to suspend business for 14 days as the operator repeatedly breached the Food Business Regulation (FBR) by extending the business area illegally.

The restaurant, located at G/F, Fu Yin Building, 25 Luen On Street, Fanling, was ordered to suspend business from today (June 8) to June 21.

"In January and March this year, two convictions for the above-mentioned breach were recorded against the restaurant. A total fine of \$7,500 was levied by the court and 30 demerit points were registered against the licensee under the department's demerit points system. The contraventions resulted in the 14-day business suspension," a spokesman for the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) said.

The licensee of the restaurant had a record of two convictions for the same offence in June last year. A total fine of \$16,000 was levied and 30 demerit points were registered. The breaches led to business suspension for

seven days in August last year.

The spokesman reminded licensees of food premises to comply with the FBR, or their licences could be suspended or cancelled.

Licensed food premises are required to exhibit a sign, at a conspicuous place near the main entrance, indicating that the premises have been licensed. A list of licensed food premises is available on the FEHD's website (www.fehd.gov.hk/english/licensing/index.html).