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9 district boards put 1997 on their agendas

NINE district boards are going to put the 1997 issue on their agendas, Secretary for District Administration David Akers-Jones said yesterday.

Mr Akers-Jones, however, cautioned that district boards could only discuss the subject and not debate it.

He said this was because district boards were only advisory bodies which did not have the law-making power of the Legislative Council.

Mr Akers-Jones also said the Government would soon decide on whether or not to set up a regional council.

He said all district boards in the New Territories had given their approval and the proposal had also gained support from many rural leaders.

He said the Government would soon make its decision and would work out detailed financing terms if the council was to become a reality.

Mr Akers-Jones said the review on district boards had been completed and the Government would soon take action to ensure more unofficials sit on the boards.