

NOTE FOR PUBLIC WORKS SUBCOMMITTEE OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

Development within the Prince of Wales Hospital Campus

INTRODUCTION

In considering the paper referenced PWSC(2002-03)6, Members requested the Administration to clarify the status of a proposal initiated by Hospital Authority (HA) to convert certain sites within the Prince of Wales Hospital (PWH) from non-clinical to clinical uses.

THE ADMINISTRATION'S RESPONSE

2. PWH commenced operation in 1984. Over the years, PWH has undergone considerable expansion in its role as a hospital service provider. It is now a tertiary acute hospital, one of the two teaching hospitals in Hong Kong and a designated centre for the provision of various quaternary services.

3. HA has submitted a proposal to redevelop PWH to ensure that PWH can meet the long-term needs of the New Territories East population as a modern tertiary acute hospital and to rectify problems that were not addressed during the gradual expansion of the hospital over the years. The redevelopment proposal, which involves a substantial capital outlay of several billion dollars, is at a preliminary planning stage. The Administration will need to examine the implications of HA's proposal as well as other options (i.e. major refurbishment and building extension) before deciding on the way forward.

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