

Panel on Health Services**List of follow-up actions**

(Position as at 11 June 2004)

Subject	Date of meeting	Follow-up action required	Administration's response
1. Reform of the Medical Council of Hong Kong	4 February 2002	The Administration agreed to give a response on whether it would set up a Complaints Office in the Department of Health (DH) to receive medical complaints, conduct preliminary investigation, make referrals and conduct mediation; and to examine at an appropriate time on gradually moving such Office towards independence.	Letters were issued on 26 April, 30 May, 26 June, 19 September, 29 October, 27 November, 23 December 2002, 30 January, 28 February, 3 and 30 April, 29 May, 25 June, 2 October, 3 and 29 November, 24 December 2003, 3 February, 2 March, 6 April and 11 May 2004 to remind the Administration to provide a response. To this end, the Administration has repeatedly responded that it will report to members in due course.
2. Working Group on Public/Private Interface - Progress Report	9 December 2002	The Administration undertook to provide statistics on the use of HA private services in the past year, including the number of patients who had used the private services and the types of services they used.	The Administration has advised that liaison with Hospital Authority (HA) is in progress on the requested information.
3. Redevelopment of Caritas Medical Centre, Phase 2	9 June 2003	The Administration undertook to provide information on established planning standards for public hospitals, and on the planning standards for public hospitals adopted in some developed economies.	The Administration has provided the requested information on 10 June 2004 is given in Appendix (Chinese version to follow).

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4. Continue discussion on the commitment for the fight against SARS	5 January 2004	The Administration was requested to provide information on the status of the some 100 doctors recruited during the last SARS outbreak and contract extension, namely, how many of them were still in the employ of HA, had left HA and would not be retained by HA after the expiry of their contract.	The Administration would report to the Panel by means of a letter in the near future.
5. 58MM - Construction of a new infectious disease centre attached to Princess Margaret Hospital	8 March 2004	The Administration was requested to provide a paper comparing the expertise and facilities for treating infectious disease patients amongst AHNH, PWH and NDH as well as reason(s) for selecting AHNH over PWH and NDH, for construction of a second infectious centre.	The Administration is reviewing whether the second infectious disease centre should be attached to AHNH and would report to the Panel in due course.
6. Conditions of Tender for pharmaceutical products	19 April 2004	The Administration undertook to provide written response to clarify the conditions of tender for pharmaceutical products, as regards the standards for Market Authorisation and/or product registration.	The Administration would provide a written response in due course.
7. Services and facilities for rehabilitation of discharged mentally ill patients	17 May 2004	The Administration was requested to provide a breakdown of the types of services received by discharged mentally ill patients vis-à-vis the availability of these services, including the average waiting time for these services, from 2000-01 to 2002-03.	The Administration would provide the requested information in the near future.

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Appendix

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10 June 2004

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Hong Kong
(Attn: Ms. Amy LEE)

Dear Ms. LEE,

Planning Standards for Public Hospitals

I refer to your letter of 11 May 2004, seeking our comments on a list of follow-up actions. I write to provide information on the planning standards for public hospitals in Hong Kong and those adopted in selected developed countries. Please refer to item 4 "Redevelopment of Caritas Medical Centre, Phase 2" of the list.

The planning standards for public hospitals in Hong Kong and those adopted in the United Kingdom and United States of America, and recommendations by the Centre for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the World Health Organization (WHO) are detailed in the table below:-

	Area per bed	Spacing between beds
Hong Kong	6.5m ² /bed	1.2m ~ 1.4m
United Kingdom	8.4m ² /bed	1.7m ~ 1.9 m
United States of America	9.3m ² /bed	2.0m ~ 2.2m
CDC recommendation	No recommendation	3 ft. (~0.9m)
WHO recommendation	No recommendation	1m

The CDC and WHO's recommendations of a minimum bed spacing of 3 feet and 1 metre respectively are based on considerations of reducing the risk of cross-infection by droplet transmission. We understand that the planning standards of other developed countries have taken patient privacy into consideration.

Yours sincerely,

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for Secretary for Health, Welfare and Food