

Panel on Health Services

List of outstanding items for discussion
(position as at 17 July 2004)

**Proposed timing
for discussion**

1. Drug and treatment for retinal disorders

At the Panel meeting on 8 March 2004, Hon CHAN Yuen-han suggested that this item should be given priority for discussion.

4th quarter of
2004

2. Requiring doctors to purchase insurance to indemnify patients for medical negligence or malpractice as a condition to practise medicine

At the Panel meeting on 8 March 2004, Hon CHAN Yuen-han suggested that this item should be given priority for discussion.

4th quarter of
2004

3. Long term planning on the provision of hospital facilities on a territory-wide basis

Item proposed by the Administration.

4th quarter of
2004

4. Proposed legalisation of euthanasia

Item proposed by Hon CHOY So-yuk.

4th quarter of
2004

5. Adjustment of monthly allowance for HA staff appointed on or after 1 April 1998

At the Panel meeting of 8 March 2004, the Administration and HA were requested to revert to members on the ways for HA to maintain overall cost comparability with the civil service.

4th quarter of
2004

**Proposed timing
for discussion**

6. Proposed amendments to the Smoking (Public Health) Ordinance

At the Panel meeting on 8 July 2002, the Administration agreed to further assess the economic impact of the smoking ban and examine the feasibility of pooling together the resources of the departments under the new Health, Welfare and Food Bureau to carry out the smoking ban checks, and revert to members at further meetings.

4th quarter of
2004

7. Proposed amendments to the Chinese Medicine Ordinance (Cap.549)

The Complaints Division of the Legislative Council requested the Panel to follow up on the proposal raised by Hon Andrew WONG to amend the Chinese Medicine Ordinance (Cap.549) to enable the Chinese Medicine Practitioners Board to review the assessment result of a person who had failed to meet the alternative qualifying requirements to become registered Chinese medicine practitioner under section 92 of the Ordinance.

4th quarter of
2004

8. Safeguarding patent rights of pharmaceutical products

Item proposed by Dr Hon LAW Chi-kwong.

4th quarter of
2004

9. Review of the charges for public hospital services and the fee waiver mechanism

Item proposed by Hon LAW Chi-kwong.

To be fixed

10. Patients' Choice Item Scheme

關注長者權益大聯盟 requested the Panel to listen to the views of the elderly on the above Scheme implemented by HA.

To be fixed