

**For information on  
24 May 2004**

**PANEL ON SECURITY AND PANEL ON WELFARE SERVICES**

**Procedural Guidelines for Handling Battered Spouse Cases (2004)**

**Purpose**

This paper provides the Procedural Guidelines for Handling Battered Spouse Cases (2004) (the Guidelines) published by the Social Welfare Department.

**Background**

2. At the joint meeting of the Panel on Security and Panel on Welfare Services held on 30 April 2004, Members requested the Administration to provide the latest edition of the Procedural Guidelines for Handling Battered Spouse Cases.

3. This set of Guidelines was worked out with the joint effort of the Social Welfare Department, other government bureaux/departments and non-government organizations concerned, and was endorsed by the Working Group on Combating Violence. The Guidelines have been implemented since 1 May 2004 after a briefing session held on 21 April 2004.

**Advice Sought**

4. Members are invited to note the Procedural Guidelines for Handling Battered Spouse Cases (2004) for reference.

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