

Panel on Welfare Services

List of outstanding items for discussion
(position as at 7 February 2004)

Proposed timing for discussion

1. Review of CSSA and OAA

At the meeting on 8 July 2002, the Administration agreed to report to members on the findings of the overall review of CSSA and OAA and consult the public on any proposed changes. OAA was discussed at the 9 December 2002 meeting under Financial Support for Older Persons, and an update on CSSA was given by the Administration on 10 February 2003.

The subject was covered in the Legislative Council Brief on 'The Way Forward for the Social Security System' issued on 25 February 2003 to Members

2. Proposed Unemployment Relief Fund

At the Panel meeting on 10 October 2002, Ms LI Fung-ying proposed to invite the Secretary for Health, Welfare and Food to brief members on the proposed Unemployment Relief Fund. According to the Administration, the subject will be considered in the context of CSSA Review under item 1 above.

The subject was covered in the Legislative Council Brief on 'The Way Forward for the Social Security System' issued on 25 February 2003 to Members in the context of the proposed intensified support for self-reliance measures

3. Progress of the formation of Integrated Vocational Rehabilitation Services Centres

Item proposed by Hon WONG Sing-chi at the meeting on 7 July 2003.

June/July 2004

Proposed timing for discussion

4. Standardized needs assessment tool for admission to residential homes for people with disabilities

At the meeting on 5 January 2004, members agreed to further discuss the above issue upon the completion of the phase two of the pilot study to test out the validity and reliability of the Assessment tool in May 2004.

June/ July 2004

5. Social welfare planning mechanism

At the meeting on 10 November 2003, the Administration was requested to brief the Panel on the future directions of social welfare policies prior to the announcement of the annual budget by the Financial Secretary in March 2004. In response, the Administration said that this item would be covered under the issue of social welfare planning mechanism.

To be fixed

6. Report of the Subcommittee on Guardianship and Custody of the Law Reform Commission (LRC)

At the meeting held on 11 March 2002, members agreed that the Administration should brief the Panel on the above report when it became available.

To be fixed after the LRC issues the remaining report on the subject of guardianship and custody

7. Study on the perceptions and experiences of discrimination of people with mental illness in Hong Kong

The above study was jointly conducted by the Equal Opportunities Commission, the Department of Psychiatry of The Chinese University of Hong Kong and the Department of Social Work of the Hong Kong Baptist University. Three relevant papers on the study were issued to the Panel on Home Affairs, and copied to all LegCo Members, on 28 November 2002 vide LC Paper Nos. CB(2)487/02-03(01) to (03). In response to a member's request for discussion, the Panel on Home Affairs agreed at its meeting on 10 January 2003 that since the subject came under the Health, Welfare and Food Bureau, it should be referred to the Panel on Welfare Services for follow-up action. Responses to the points raised in the study report being collated from relevant government bureau/departments and the HA.

To be fixed

Proposed timing for discussion

8. Subsidy arrangements for residential care services for frail elders

The Administration undertook to consult members on the finalised Fee Assistance Scheme for residential care services for frail elders, taking into account the suggestion of establishing a separate financial assistance scheme for elders and other views expressed by members on the matter on 12 May 2003.

To be fixed

9. Portable CSSA Scheme

Item proposed by Hon CHAN Yuen-han.

To be fixed

10. Evaluation of the re-engineered community support services for elders

Item proposed by Hon CHAN Yuen-han.

To be fixed

11. Items proposed by the Administration

See **Appendix**.

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Agenda items proposed by the Administration

<u>Proposed Items</u>	<u>Proposed Timing for Discussion</u>
1. Final report on the Three-year Action Plan to Help Street Sleepers and the Way Forward	March 2004
2. Progress Report on the Healthy Ageing Campaign	March 2004
3. Measures to combat elder abuse	May 2004
4. An update on intensified support for self-reliance measures	June 2004
5. Monitoring of charitable fund-raising activities – reference guide on best practices and public register	To be fixed
6. Pilot project on accreditation system for residential care services for the elders in Hong Kong	To be fixed