

Panel on Welfare Services**List of follow-up actions**
(position as at 7 May 2004)

Subject	Date of meeting	Follow-up action required	Administration's response
1. Standardized needs assessment tool for admission to residential homes for people with disabilities	5 January 2004	<p>The Administration was requested to provide the following information -</p> <p>(a) What was the estimated cost for providing residential homes for people with disabilities (PWD) after the implementation of the Assessment Tool, and how would that compare with the existing cost for providing the same;</p> <p>(b) Whether, and if so, how the occupancy situation of the various types of residential homes for PWD and the manpower requirement concerned would be changed after the implementation of the Assessment Tool;</p> <p>(c) What would be the waiting time for PWD to admit to residential homes vis-a-vis that under the existing arrangements; and</p> <p>(d) How long would an assessment for admission to residential homes for PWD take.</p>	<p>The information requested under (a) and (b) is not available at this stage as the Assessment Tool has not been implemented yet. Our intention is to evaluate the occupancy situation and assess the cost implications after actual implementation of the Tool.</p> <p>(c) The Administration's response already issued vide LC Paper No. CB(2)1181/03-04(02) on 7 February 2004.</p> <p>(d) Ditto.</p>

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2. Community Investment and Inclusion Fund - progress report as at 15 December 2003	5 January 2004	The Administration was requested to consider how best to enhance the sustainability of these projects including measures to facilitate suitable ones to form co-operatives, and to provide more information on the reason(s) for the small number of successful applications for the Fund.	Information is being provided on the reason(s) for the relatively small number of successful applications for the Fund. Continuing development efforts are in place to work with the CIIF funded project teams with a view to enhancing the sustainability of these projects including measures to facilitate suitable ones to form co-operatives. These strategies will be reported in due course.
3. Efficiency savings	8 March 2004	The Administration was requested to provide information on the changes in the staff and salary structures of NGOs on the Lump Sum Grant (LSG) funding arrangement since their switching to LSG until to date.	The Administration, in consultation with the LSG Steering Committee, will conduct a survey on the Human Resource Management practices of subvented NGOs since the implementation of LSG.

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4. Measures to address poverty	8 March 2004	The Administration was requested to give a response to the motion passed at the meeting.	The Administration will provide a written response in due course.
5. The provision of disregarded earnings (DE) under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme	13 April 2004	The Administration was requested to expeditiously review the measure of allowing no DE for all categories of recipients in the initial determination of eligibility and in cases which had been on CSSA for less than three months.	The Administration will provide a written response in due course.
6. Empowerment of women	13 April 2004	The Administration was requested to provide a written response to the views/concerns expressed by deputations and members made at the meeting, and to convey these views/concerns to the Women's Commission and the relevant Government departments for consideration.	The Administration will provide a written response in due course.