

Panel on Welfare Services

List of outstanding items for discussion
(position as at 7 November 2003)

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. 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

Proposed timing for discussion

4. 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

5. Social welfare planning mechanism

The above issue was proposed by the Administration.

To be fixed

6. 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

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7. Assessment mechanism in respect of residential placement for people with disabilities and the Comprehensive Vocational Rehabilitation Services

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

This item is to be deleted as it has been separated into two topics, i.e. 'the Standardised Assessment Tool for Admission to Residential Homes for People with Disabilities' and 'Progress of the Formation of Integrated Vocational Rehabilitation Services Centres' to be discussed in January 2004 and April/May 2004 respectively.