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Subcommittee to Study the Subject of Combating Poverty

**Minutes of meeting
held on Thursday, 12 April 2007, at 4:30 pm
in Conference Room B of the Legislative Council Building**

Members present : Hon Frederick FUNG Kin-kee, SBS, JP (Chairman)
Hon James TIEN Pei-chun, GBS, JP (Deputy Chairman)
Hon Albert HO Chun-yan
Hon LEE Cheuk-yan
Hon CHAN Yuen-han, JP
Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung
Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing, JP
Hon TAM Yiu-chung, GBS, JP
Hon LI Fung-ying, BBS, JP
Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung
Hon Ronny TONG Ka-wah, SC

Members absent : Hon Margaret NG
Hon Mrs Selina CHOW LIANG Shuk-ye, GBS, JP
Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him, JP
Hon Alan LEONG Kah-kit, SC
Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung
Hon Albert Jinghan CHENG

Clerk in attendance : Miss Betty MA
Chief Council Secretary (2) 4

Staff in attendance : Mr Chris LAI
Senior Council Secretary (2) 7

Action

I. Draft report on "Elderly in poverty"
[LC Paper No. CB(2)863/06-07(03)]

The Subcommittee deliberated (Index of proceedings attached at **Annex**).

2. Members considered the amendments to Chapters 3 and 4 of the draft report on elderly in poverty which had incorporated members' views made at the meeting on 8 March 2007, and deliberated on the recommendations in Chapter 5.

3. The Chairman said that the LegCo Secretariat would incorporate members' views and suggestions and revise the draft report accordingly. Members agreed that the amendments would be circulated to members for consideration. Unless substantial amendments were proposed by members, no further meeting would be held on the draft report.

4. At the suggestion of Ms Emily LAU, members agreed that the Subcommittee should discuss with the Commission on Poverty and the Administration the Subcommittee's draft report on elderly in poverty. The Subcommittee would then provide the report to the House Committee, and the Chairman would seek the agreement of the House Committee for allocating a debate slot to him under Rule 14A(h) of the House Rules for moving a motion on the report at a Council meeting.

II. Any other business

Proposed overseas duty visit

5. Members noted that the receiving parties in Spain proposed that the Subcommittee's visit be postponed to September 2007. Members considered that the alternative dates for the visit should be in late July or early September 2007, and asked the LegCo Secretariat to follow up with the receiving parties in the United Kingdom and Spain on the best timing for the visit.

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Matters arising from the 2006 Population By-census Report

6. Ms Emily LAU said that at its meeting on 12 April 2007, the Panel on Financial Affairs received a briefing by the Administration on the summary results of the 2006 Population By-census. The Panel discussed, among others, the revised methodology for compiling the Gini Coefficient and noted that the Thematic Report on Household Income Distribution would be released by mid 2007. As the subject of Gini Coefficient was relevant to the study on combating poverty, she suggested that the Subcommittee should follow up the findings of the Thematic Report. Members agreed.

Action

7. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 6:05 pm.

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Time marker	Speaker(s)	Subject(s)	Action required
<i>Agenda Item I – Draft report on "Elderly in poverty"</i>			
000000 - 000247	Chairman	Opening remarks by the Chairman	
000248 - 000800	Chairman Mr Albert HO Ms LI Fung-ying Mr TAM Yiu-chung Dr Fernando CHEUNG	Discussion on paragraph 3.8	
000801 - 001113	Chairman Mr James TIEN	Discussion on the proposed amendments to paragraphs 3.11, 3.16 and 3.17 and paragraphs 4.13 and 4.11	
001114 - 001513	Chairman Ms LI Fung-ying Mr TAM Yiu-chung Mr Albert HO	Discussion on paragraph 4.22	
001514 - 002149	Chairman Mr Albert HO Mr James TIEN Ms Emily LAU Dr Fernando CHEUNG	Discussion on recommendations (a) to (d) under the heading "Financial assistance for the needy elderly" in Chapter 5	
002150 - 005135	Chairman Ms Emily LAU Mr TAM Yiu-chung Mr Albert HO Mr Ronny TONG Dr Fernando CHEUNG Miss CHAN Yuen-han	Discussion on recommendations (e) to (h) under the heading "Medical services for the elderly" in Chapter 5	
005136 - 010250	Chairman Ms Emily LAU Dr Fernando CHEUNG Miss CHAN Yuen-han Mr Albert HO	Discussion on recommendations (i) to (l) under the heading "Care and support services for the elderly" in Chapter 5	
010251 - 010657	Chairman Ms Emily LAU Dr Fernando CHEUNG Mr LEUNG Yiu-chung	Discussion on recommendations (m) to (n) under the heading "Residential care services for the elderly" in Chapter 5	
010658 - 010935	Chairman Ms Emily LAU Mr LEUNG Yiu-chung Mr Albert HO Dr Fernando CHEUNG	Discussion on recommendations (o) to (r) under the heading "Housing needs of the elderly" in Chapter 5	

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010936 - 011003	Chairman	Recommendation (s) under the heading "Retirement protection for the elderly" in Chapter 5	
011004 - 011054	Chairman Mr Albert HO Mr LEUNG Yiu-chung	Discussion on recommendations (t) to (u) under the heading "Financial security for the elderly" in Chapter 5	
011055 - 011210	Chairman Mr LEE Cheuk-yan Mr Albert HO	Discussion on recommendations (v) to (x) under the heading "Promoting positive ageing in the community" in Chapter 5	
011211 - 011528	Chairman Ms Emily LAU Mr LEUNG Yiu-chung	Discussion on Ms Emily LAU's suggestion to discuss with the Administration the draft report	
<i>Agenda Item II – Any other business</i>			
011529 - 011908	Chairman Mr LEE Cheuk-yan Dr Fernando CHEUNG Ms Emily LAU	Timing for conducting the duty visit to study the development of social enterprises in the United Kingdom and Spain	LegCo Secretariat to follow up (para. 5 of the meeting minutes)
011909 - 012310	Ms Emily LAU Chairman	Follow up action regarding matters arising from 2006 Population By-census	

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