

## **Panel on Health Services**

### **List of issues suggested to be considered (position as at 12 October 2004)**

#### **Proposed timing for discussion**

**1. Drug and treatment for retinal disorders**

At the Panel meeting on 8 March 2004, Hon CHAN Yuen-han suggested that this item should be given priority for discussion.

To be confirmed

**2. Requiring doctors to purchase insurance to indemnify patients for medical negligence or malpractice as a condition to practise medicine**

At the Panel meeting on 8 March 2004, Hon CHAN Yuen-han suggested that this item should be given priority for discussion.

To be confirmed

**3. Euthanasia and related matters**

Hon CHOY So-yuk proposed that the Panel should hold a joint meeting with the Panel on Home Affairs to discuss the existing policies on euthanasia and related matters.

To be confirmed

**4. Adjustment of monthly allowance for Hospital Authority (HA) staff appointed on or after 1 April 1998**

At the Panel meeting of 8 March 2004, the Administration and HA were requested to revert to members on the ways for HA to maintain overall cost comparability with the civil service.

To be confirmed

**Proposed timing  
for discussion**

**5. Proposed amendments to the Smoking (Public Health) Ordinance**

At the Panel meeting on 8 July 2002, the Administration agreed to further assess the economic impact of the smoking ban and examine the feasibility of pooling together the resources of the departments under the new Health, Welfare and Food Bureau to carry out the smoking ban checks, and revert to members at further meetings. In response to the Chairman's enquiry raised at the special Panel meeting on 16 January 2004 on when the Administration would introduce a bill into the Legislative Council (LegCo) to further strengthen the tobacco control framework in Hong Kong, the Administration advised that this would be done as soon as practicable.

To be confirmed

**6. Proposed amendments to the Chinese Medicine Ordinance (Cap. 549)**

The Complaints Division of LegCo requested the Panel to follow up on the proposal raised by Hon Andrew WONG to amend the Chinese Medicine Ordinance (Cap. 549) to enable the Chinese Medicine Practitioners Board to review the assessment results of those applicants who failed to meet the alternative qualifying requirements to become registered Chinese medicine practitioners under section 92 of the Ordinance.

To be confirmed

**7. Safeguarding patent rights of pharmaceutical products**

Item proposed by Dr LAW Chi-kwong in the last legislative session.

To be confirmed

**8. Review of the charges for public hospital services and the fee waiver mechanism**

Item proposed by Dr LAW Chi-kwong in the last legislative session.

To be confirmed

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for discussion**

**9. Patients' Choice Item Scheme**

關注長者權益大聯盟 requested the Panel to listen to the views of the elderly on the above Scheme implemented by HA.

To be confirmed

**10. Review of the Quarantine and Prevention of Disease Ordinance (Cap. 141)**

The Administration gave an undertaking to the Subcommittee to monitor the implementation of the recommendations of the SARS Expert Committee and the HA Review Panel on the SARS Outbreak formed under the Panel to conduct a comprehensive revamp of the Quarantine and Prevention of Disease Ordinance (Cap. 141), having regard to the operational experience in combating the last SARS epidemic and the changing patterns of international trade and people movement and to better meet present day circumstances.

To be confirmed