

Panel on Health Services

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

	Proposed timing for discussion
1. Proposed amendments to the Smoking (Public Health) Ordinance (Cap. 371)	
The Administration plans to introduce legislative amendments to the Smoking (Public Health) Ordinance in the latter half of this legislative session.	January 2005
2. Remuneration of Hospital Authority staff	
Item proposed by the Administration.	January 2005
3. Health and Health Services Research Fund	
Item proposed by the Administration.	January 2005
4. Implementation of a standard Drug Formulary in public hospitals	
Item proposed by the Administration.	January 2005
5. Continuing medical education	
Item proposed by the Administration.	February 2005
6. Hospital fees and charges	
Item proposed by the Administration.	February 2005
7. Provision of Chinese medicine outpatient clinics in districts	
Item proposed by the Administration.	March/April 2005
8. Provision of Chinese medicine in public health care system	
Item proposed by Mr LI Kwok-ying.	March/April 2005

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for discussion**

9. Health care complaints mechanism

This item was previously discussed by the Panel in 2002. May 2005
The Administration undertook to revert this subject.

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

The Administration gave an undertaking to the Subcommittee May/June 2005
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.

11. New hospital on Lantau

Item proposed by the Administration. June/July 2005

12. Redevelopment of Prince of Wales Hospital (PWH)

Item proposed by the Administration. To be confirmed

The item was previously discussed by the Panel on 14 June 2004. Members requested the Administration to report in due course the outcome of the feasibility study to explore the Public/Private Partnership option to see if it could enhance efficiencies in the PWH project.

13. Long-term health care financing

Item proposed by the Administration. To be confirmed

Members were briefed on the key findings of the Administration's initial research on the feasibility of a medical savings scheme in Hong Kong, i.e. the Health Protection Account (HPA) scheme, on 14 June 2004. Members' views on the HPA scheme were mixed.

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for discussion**

14. Euthanasia and related matters

Hon CHOY So-yuk proposed in the last legislative session 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

15. Long term health care strategies

Item proposed by Dr KWOK Ka-ki. To be confirmed

16. Progress on the registration of Chinese medicine practitioners

Item proposed by Mrs Selina CHOW. To be confirmed