

Panel on Health Services

List of follow-up actions

(Position as at 10 October 2005)

Subject	Date of meeting	Follow-up action required	Administration's response
1. Drug and treatment for retinal disorders	8 March 2004	Hon CHAN Yuen-han requested to discuss this item.	The Administration will provide a written response in due course.
2. Requiring doctors to purchase insurance to indemnify patients for medical negligence or malpractice as a condition to practise medicine	8 March 2004	Hon CHAN Yuen-han requested to discuss this item.	The Administration is following up with the Medical Council.
3. Budget deficit of Hospital Authority	8 November 2004	The Administration agreed to try as far as possible to provide a paper on the measures taken/to be taken in the coming year to address the budget deficit of HA, including how the fees should be tackled.	The Administration will provide a written response in due course.

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<p>4. Proposed amendments to Smoking (Public Health) Ordinance</p>	<p>10 January 2005</p>	<p>The Administration to -</p> <p>(a) provide information on whether any overseas jurisdictions had introduced legislation to prohibit persons aged below 18 from smoking;</p> <p>(b) provide information on the feedback of Singapore people to the measure of showing health warnings with pictorial and graphic contents on the package of cigarette products introduced in Singapore;</p> <p>(c) provide information on the existing manpower of Tobacco Control Office and the additional manpower for implementation of the legislative proposals;</p>	<p>The Administration will provide a written response in due course.</p> <p>The Administration will provide a written response in due course.</p> <p>The Administration will provide a written response in due course.</p>
	<p>25 February 2005</p>	<p>(d) provide more detailed information on the exceptional arrangements allowed under overseas smoke-free workplace laws; and</p> <p>(e) provide information on any precedent case in which a smoke-free workplace law had been challenged by people on the ground of violating human rights.</p>	<p>The Administration will provide a written response in due course.</p> <p>The Administration will provide a written response in due course.</p>

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5. Amendments to the Dentists Registration Ordinance	14 March 2005	The Administration agreed to provide an information paper summarising the issues which had been considered in previous reviews of the Dentists Registration Ordinance.	The Administration will provide an information paper shortly.
6. Increase in professional indemnity insurance premiums	14 March 2005	The Administration undertook to provide a paper on professional indemnity insurance premiums and related issues.	The Administration will submit an information paper in due course.
7. Continuing medical education for medical practitioners	18 April 2005	The Administration to provide more detailed information in writing on studies on the continuing medical education systems in overseas jurisdictions, the implementation details of the proposed compulsory scheme, and to revert to the Panel on the progress of the Administration's consultation with members of the medical profession on the scheme.	The Administration will provide a written response in due course.
8. Long-term rehabilitation patients in Prince of Wales Hospital refusing discharge	17 May 2005	The Administration to provide an information paper on the subject to facilitate discussion at a future meeting.	The Administration will provide an information paper in due course.

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9. Hospital fees and charges - non-eligible persons and private patients	13 June 2005	The Administration - (a) to provide further information on the costs of providing private service at individual public hospitals for different specialties with different levels of expertise; (b) to provide further information on whether the introduction of the revised fees for private services would lengthen the waiting time for patients seeking public health service at different specialties in individual public hospitals, and if so, the extent of the impact; and (c) should consult the Panel again before gazettal of the proposed fee revision.	The Administration will provide a written response in due course.
10. Report on the public consultation on the Hospital Authority drug formulary	13 June 2005	The Administration to provide a paper on its review of the operation of the safety net mechanism.	The Administration's response was issued vide LC Paper No. CB(2)2705/04-05(01) on 7 October 2005.

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11. Regulation of medical devices in Hong Kong - Recent progress	19 July 2005	The Administration - (a) to provide a supplementary written response to the concern raised by Ms LI Fung-ying about training and related matters; and (b) should revert to the Panel on the operation of the regulatory system in due course.	The Administration will provide a written response in due course. The Administration will submit an information paper in due course.
12. Health care reform	19 July 2005	The Administration undertook to revert to the Panel on further progress and development after the Administration had collated the views on the Discussion Paper, the consultation period of which would expire at the end of October 2005.	The Administration will inform the Panel of further progress and development after the Administration had collated the views on the Discussion Paper, the consultation period of which would expire at the end of October 2005.