

**Panel on Health Services**

**List of outstanding items for discussion**  
(position as at 14 May 2007)

**Proposed timing for discussion**

**1. Regulation of "Health Maintenance Organisations"**

At the meeting on 12 March 2007, members agreed to further discuss the issue of regulation of "Health Maintenance Organisations" (HMOs) preferably in May 2007. The Administration was requested to include in its discussion paper for the meeting its comprehensive strategies on regulating HMOs.

June 2007

At the meeting on 16 April 2007, members agreed to discuss this item in June 2007.

**2. Increase in the approved commitment for the Health and Health Services Research Fund**

Item proposed by the Administration

June 2007

**3. Mortuaries in public hospitals**

At the special meeting on 16 April 2007, the Administration was requested to report back to the Panel its timetable and plan for introducing interim as well as long-term measures to tackle the problem of inadequate capacity of mortuaries in public hospitals.

June 2007

**4. Study on non-tobacco products that share the same trade mark as tobacco products**

Item proposed by the Administration.

June - July 2007

At the request of the Bills Committee on Smoking (Public Health) (Amendment) Bill 2005, the Administration undertook to examine the viability of prohibiting the use of tobacco brand name and logo on non-tobacco products.

**Proposed timing for discussion**

**5. Fixed penalty system for smoking offence**

Item proposed by the Administration.

June - July 2007

At the request of the Bills Committee on Smoking (Public Health) (Amendment) Bill 2005, the Administration undertook to introduce a fixed penalty system for smoking offence within a period of 18 months after the enactment of the Bill in October 2006.

**6. Health care financing**

Item proposed by the Administration.

June - July 2007

**7. Mode of supply of self-financed item (SFI) drugs to patients of public hospitals**

At the meeting on 12 February 2007, the Administration was requested to report to the Panel when the Hospital Authority Board had come to a view on the mode of supply of SFI drugs before implementation.

To be confirmed

**8. Communicable Disease Information System**

Item proposed by the Administration

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**9. Regulation of medical devices**

Item proposed by the Administration.

End 2007

At the Panel meeting on 27 April 2006, members agreed to follow up on the implementation timetable for regulation of medical devices, including the use of Hydrophilic Polyacrylamide Gel (PAAG) for breast augmentation.

**Proposed timing for discussion**

**10. Progress report on promoting healthy eating among school children**

The item was last discussed by the Panel at the meeting on 8 January 2007. The Administration was requested to report to the Panel after it had completed an evaluation study of the campaign to promote healthy eating habit among school children at the end of the 2006-2007 school year and to take into account members' views and suggestions in the comprehensive review of the campaign.

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**11. Regulation of health care personnel not currently subject to statutory registration**

Item proposed by Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki.

To be confirmed

**12. Separation of prescribing from dispensing of drugs**

Item proposed by Dr Hon YEUNG Sum.

To be confirmed

The item was last discussed by the Panel at the meeting on 28 June 2005, during which the Administration advised that its position was that the matter would require thorough discussion by the stakeholders and the community at large, and the Administration would continue to listen to views and engage the parties concerned in the discussion before deciding the way forward.

**13. New hospital on Lantau**

Item proposed by the Administration.

To be confirmed

**14. Health care complaints mechanism**

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

To be confirmed

**15. Review of Dentists (Registration) Ordinance**

Item proposed by the Administration.

To be confirmed

**Proposed timing for discussion**

**16. Enhancing the provision of dental care for the elderly and extending school dental care services to post-primary students**

Item proposed by Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki.

To be confirmed

**17. Medical Misadventure Fund**

Item proposed by Hon Albert HO.

To be confirmed

**18. Increase in professional indemnity insurance premiums**

Item proposed by Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki.

To be confirmed

**19. Shortage of medical frontline staff in the Hospital Authority**

Referred for follow-up by the Panel at a meeting between Legislative Council Members and Wong Tai Sin District Council members on 6 January 2005.

The Administration's response was issued vide LC Paper No. CB(2)1483/06-07(04) on 3 April 2007.

**20. Regulation of services provided by beauticians**

Item proposed by Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki.

To be confirmed

**21. Medical practice by unregistered medical practitioners**

Item proposed by Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki.

To be confirmed

**22. Shortage of nurses**

Item proposed by Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki.

To be confirmed

Referred to the Panel on Health Services and the Panel on Welfare Services for follow-up by Duty Roster Members following their meeting with a deputation on 19 April 2007.

**Proposed timing for discussion**

**23. Expansion of private services by the Hospital Authority**

Item proposed by Hon Andrew CHENG.

To be confirmed

**24. Report on “Substitute decision-making and advance directives in relation to medical treatment”**

The above report was published by the Law Reform Commission of Hong Kong in August 2006.

To be confirmed

**25. Mental health services in public hospitals**

Item proposed by Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki.

To be confirmed

**26. Review of fee waiver mechanism for public hospital fees and charges**

Referred for follow-up by Duty Roster Members following their meeting with a deputation on 22 November 2006.

To be confirmed

**27. Expansion of the Blood Transfusion Service Headquarters**

Item proposed by the Administration.

To be confirmed

**28. Appointment of members to the Hospital Authority Board**

Item proposed by Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG.

To be confirmed