

Panel on Health Services

List of outstanding items for discussion
(position as at 11 October 2006)

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for discussion |
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| 1. Review of the Quarantine and Prevention of Disease Ordinance (Cap. 141) | December 2006 |
| <p>The Administration gave an undertaking to the Subcommittee to Monitor the Implementation of the Recommendations of the SARS Expert Committee and the Hospital Authority 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.</p> | |
| 2. Regulation of health care personnel not currently subject to statutory registration | To be confirmed |
| <p>Item proposed by Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki.</p> | |
| 3. New hospital on Lantau | To be confirmed |
| <p>Item proposed by the Administration.</p> | |
| 4. Use of Hydrophilic Polyacrylamide Gel (PAAG) for breast augmentation purpose | To be confirmed |
| <p>The item was last discussed by the Panel on 27 April 2006. Members agreed to follow up the Administration's plan to introduce legislative amendment to control the use of PAAG as well as the implementation timetable for regulating medical devices.</p> | |

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| 5. Progress report on promoting healthy eating habit among school children | November 2006 |
| <p>At the meeting on 9 January 2006, members agreed to discuss the progress made in taking forward the initiative of promoting healthy eating habit among school children in the latter half of the year.</p> | |
| 6. Health care complaints mechanism | To be confirmed |
| <p>This item was previously discussed by the Panel in 2002. The Administration undertook to revert on this subject.</p> | |
| 7. Review of Dentists (Registration) Ordinance | To be confirmed |
| <p>Item proposed by the Administration.</p> | |
| 8. Enhancing the provision of dental care for the elderly and extending school dental care services to post-primary students | To be confirmed |
| <p>Item proposed by Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki.</p> | |
| 9. Provision of dental care services by the Department of Health | To be confirmed |
| <p>Referred for follow-up by Duty Roster Members following their meeting with a deputation on 12 June 2006.</p> | |
| 10. Medical Misadventure Fund | To be confirmed |
| <p>Item proposed by Hon Albert HO.</p> | |
| 11. Increase in professional indemnity insurance premiums | To be confirmed |
| <p>Item proposed by Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki.</p> | |

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| 12. 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. | To be confirmed |
| 13. Regulation of services provided by beauticians

Item proposed by Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki. | To be confirmed |
| 14. Medical practice by unregistered medical practitioners

Item proposed by Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki. | To be confirmed |
| 15. Shortage of nurses

Item proposed by Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki. | To be confirmed |
| 16. Medical services in New Territories West

At the meetings between Legislative Council Members and Yuen Long District Council (YLDC) and Tuen Mun District Council (TMDC) members on 30 March 2006 and 11 May 2006 respectively, both YLDC and TMDC members expressed concern about the lack of medical services in the New Territories West. In particular, YLDC members requested the Administration to consider purchasing private services from private clinics to serve the needs of people living in Tin Shui Wai and expedite the construction of a medical centre in Area 109. | To be confirmed |
| 17. Expansion of private services by the Hospital Authority

Item proposed by Hon Andrew CHENG. | To be confirmed |

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for discussion**

- 18. Separation of prescribing from dispensing of drugs** To be confirmed

Item proposed by Dr Hon YEUNG Sum.

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.

- 19. Waiving the fees and charges of needy Two Way Permit holders who are spouses of Hong Kong Identity Card holders for use of public health care services** To be confirmed

Referred for follow-up by the Panel for Health Services and the Panel for Welfare Services by Duty Roster Members following their meeting with a deputation on 19 July 2006.

- 20. Report on “Substitute decision-making and advance directives in relation to medical treatment”** To be confirmed

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

- 21. Registration of Chinese medicine practitioners** November 2006

During the scrutiny of the Certification for Employee Benefits (Chinese Medicine) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill 2005, the Administration agreed to provide a paper to the Panel on Health Services on ways to assist listed Chinese medicine practitioners (CMPs) seeking to become registered CMPs as soon as possible, subject to discussion of the Chinese Medicine Council.

- 22. Subsidiary legislation to be made under the Human Reproductive Technology Ordinance** November 2006

Item proposed by the Administration.