

**Supplementary Information for
Panel on Welfare Services
(Meeting held on 12 November 2007)**

Subject: Two New Integrated Rehabilitation Services Centres for Persons with Disabilities

Information Required	Response
The Administration's proposals for setting up subvented RCHDs which had met with local opposition in the past 10 years	In the process of securing premises for the setting up of subvented RCHDs, SWD would at times encounter difficulties due to inadequate understanding of local residents on these welfare facilities. With the assistance and liaison of the staff in the district, and upon better understanding on the nature and operation, SWD often manages to obtain the local acceptance of the projects. The lengthened consultation process however might cause delay in completion of the projects. SWD would look for alternative premises if local resistance persists. SWD does not keep any consolidated record on unsuccessful attempts in securing premises for the projects.
New subvented RCHDs which were converted from vacant Government buildings and the aborted plans in the past five years	There was only one conversion project from vacant government buildings in the past five years, i.e. conversion of the Fanling Hospital into Hong Chi Fanling Rehabilitation Complex in 2002. An upcoming project would be the conversion of SWD's Shatin Boys' Home into a new integrated rehabilitation services centre in 2008.
Formulating a long-term plan for the provision of residential care services for persons with disabilities	On the long-term plan for the provision of residential care services for persons with disabilities, the Administration, as laid down in the 2007 RPP, has adopted a three-prong approach including regulating the operation of private homes, supporting the development of self-financing homes by non-governmental organizations and continuing the provision of subvented homes to provide more choices for persons with disabilities in need of residential care services. SWD would continue to identify suitable premises in vacant government buildings and public housing estates for conversion into provision of residential care services. For longer term planning, SWD would continue to put in bids for premises in new development projects as appropriate.