

Panel on Health Services

List of outstanding items for discussion
(position as at 5 March 2009)

	Proposed timing for discussion
1. Implementation of the Smoking Offence Fixed Penalty System Item proposed by the Administration.	April 2009
2. Report on Findings of Technical Feasibility Study on Smoking Room Item proposed by the Administration.	April 2009
3. Redevelopment of Caritas Medical Centre, Phase Two Item proposed by the Administration.	April 2009
4. Regulation of medical devices Item proposed by the Administration. At the Panel meeting on 27 April 2006, members agreed to follow up on the implementation timetable for regulation of medical devices. The Administration will brief the Panel on the regulatory proposal of medical devices in due course.	2 nd quarter 2009
5. Relocation of Siu Lam Hospital to Block B of Castle Peak Hospital Item proposed by the Administration.	2 nd quarter 2009
6. Refurbishment of Hong Kong Buddhist Hospital Item proposed by the Administration.	3 rd quarter 2009

Proposed timing for discussion

7. Reprovisioning of Yaumatei Specialist Clinic at Queen Elizabeth Hospital

To be confirmed

Item proposed by the Administration.

8. Redeployment of Directorate Posts in the Department of Health

To be confirmed

Item proposed by the Administration.

9. Review of the pilot schemes on the Doctor Work Reform Recommendation Report

To be confirmed

At the meeting on 10 March 2008, the Panel passed a motion requesting the Administration and HA to, among others, report the outcome of the review on the pilot schemes launched for implementing the Doctor Work Reform Recommendation Report to the Panel before the expiry of the last legislative session.

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

To be confirmed

Item proposed by the Administration.

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.

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

To be confirmed

At the meeting on 12 February 2007, the Administration was requested to report to the Panel when the HA Board had come to a view on the mode of supply of SFI drugs before implementation. The Administration was also requested to review the assessment criteria for introducing new drugs into the HA Drug Formulary and for assistance under the Samaritan Fund.

When the grant for the Samaritan Fund was discussed at the Panel meeting on 10 November 2008, members raised concern about the assessment criteria and the operation of the Drug Formulary and the Samaritan Fund. Members considered it necessary to advance the discussion on the matter at a forthcoming Panel meeting.

12. Regulation of "Health Maintenance Organisations" (HMOs)

To be confirmed

The issue was last discussed by the Panel at the meeting on 11 June 2007. The Administration was requested to revert to the Panel on the time frame for establishing a statutory licensing regime to regulate HMOs, in view of the lack of adequacy of the Medical Director concept to safeguard patients' welfare.

13. Expansion of private services by HA

To be confirmed

Item proposed by Hon Andrew CHENG during the last term of the Legislative Council.

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

To be confirmed

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

At the meeting on 9 February 2009, Hon Cyd HO proposed to discuss medical waiver mechanism of public hospitals and clinics before the Second Stage Public Consultation on Healthcare Reform.

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- 15. Nursing care in residential care homes for the elderly** To be confirmed

Item proposed by Dr Hon Joseph LEE during the last term of the Legislative Council.

- 16. Remuneration of the senior executives of the Hospital Authority** To be confirmed

Item proposed by Hon Andrew CHENG on 22 January 2009.

When the Report on First Stage Public Consultation on Healthcare Reform was discussed at the meeting on 9 February 2009, Hon Audrey EU expressed concern about the remuneration of senior executives in the Hospital Authority.

- 17. Promotion of public/private interface** To be confirmed

When the Report on First Stage Public Consultation on Healthcare Reform was discussed at the meeting on 9 February 2009, Hon Audrey EU expressed concern about the progress of promoting public-private partnership in healthcare.

- 18. Promoting the physical and psychological well-being of school children** To be confirmed

Item proposed by Hon Albert CHAN at the meeting on 9 February 2009.