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**Proposal for activation of the Subcommittee on Residential and
Community Care Services for Persons with Disabilities and the Elderly
under the Panel on Welfare Services**

Purpose

This paper seeks the approval of the House Committee to activate the Subcommittee on Residential and Community Care Services for Persons with Disabilities and the Elderly under the Panel on Welfare Services (the Panel), and to allow it to commence work immediately.

Background

2. The provision of subsidised residential places and community care services for persons with disabilities (PWDs) and the elderly has all along been high on the Panel's agenda. The Panel notes that new initiatives to increase the provision of subsidised residential care places for PWDs and the elderly have been announced in the Chief Executive's 2009-2010 Policy Address, and that the Administration will enhance the community care and support services for the elderly and PWDs while they are waiting for subsidised residential places. However, members generally consider that the Government's efforts cannot meet the increasing demand, as evidenced by the waitlisting situation of both subsidised residential places for PWDs and the elderly.

3. To enable more focused discussion on the Government's effort in increasing the provision of subsidised residential places and enhancing care and support for the elderly and PWDs in the community, the Panel decided at its meeting on 11 January 2010 to appoint a subcommittee to study policies and measures relating to the provision of residential care places and community care services for PWDs and the elderly, and to make recommendations where necessary. Information relating to the Subcommittee as regards its terms of reference, work plan and time frame is in **Appendix I**. As 10 subcommittees on policy issues are already in operation and this has exceeded the maximum number of eight such subcommittees, the Panel agreed to seek the approval of the House Committee to activate the Subcommittee.

Activation of the Subcommittee

4. In accordance with Rule 26 of the House Rules, the maximum number of subcommittees on policy issues should be eight. When eight such subcommittees are already in operation and new subcommittee(s) has been appointed, a waiting list will be formed. If the number of Bills Committees is less than 16, the House Committee might activate subcommittees on the waiting list after having considered the following –

- (a) the number of vacant slots for Bills Committees;
- (b) the number of bills likely to be introduced in the Council in the next three months;
- (c) the number of subcommittees on subsidiary legislation already or likely to be appointed by the House Committee and by Bills Committees; and
- (d) the availability of resources in the Secretariat.

5. For Members' information, 10 subcommittees on policy issues are in action, and the Subcommittee on Residential and Community Care Services for Persons with Disabilities and the Elderly has been automatically put on the waiting list. The Subcommittee will only be able to commence work if three existing subcommittees finish their work, or if the House Committee gives its approval. A position report on the existing and anticipated number of Bills Committees and subcommittees is in **Appendix II** to facilitate Members' consideration.

6. Members may wish to note that at present four Bills Committees and two subcommittees on subsidiary legislation are in operation. It is expected that another eight Bills Committees and six subcommittees on subsidiary legislation will likely be appointed in the coming three months, making a total of 52 committees operating at the same time. Notwithstanding the fact that the current staffing complement of the Secretariat is only to cater for the servicing of a maximum number of 48 committees, the Secretariat will try to absorb the servicing of 53 committees (i.e. including the subcommittee seeking approval to commence work).

Advice sought

7. The House Committee is invited to support the Panel's proposal to activate the Subcommittee on Residential and Community Care Services for Persons with Disabilities and the Elderly, and to allow it to commence work immediately.

Appendix I

Subcommittee on Residential and Community Care Services for Persons with Disabilities and the Elderly

Terms of reference

The Subcommittee will study policies and measures relating to the provision of residential care places and community care services for persons with disabilities (PWDs) and the elderly, and make recommendations where necessary.

Work plan and time frame

2. The Subcommittee will focus its work on the following major areas –
 - (a) the implementation progress of the provision of residential care places and community care services for PWDs and the elderly;
 - (b) following up the recommendations of the Subcommittee in respect of the provision of residential care places and community care services for PWDs and the elderly; and
 - (c) receiving views from the concern groups and non-governmental organisations with a view to improving the existing residential care places and community care services for PWDs and the elderly.
3. The Subcommittee will, in accordance with Rule 26(c) of the House Rules, complete its work within 12 months of its commencement and report to the Panel on Welfare Services.

Existing and anticipated number of Bills Committees and subcommittees
(position as at 2 February 2010)

<i>Estimated number of Bills Committees (BCs) within the next three months</i> <i>(a)+(b) = (4 + 8), i.e. <u>12</u></i> <i>(The maximum number of BCs in operation is limited to 16; BCs formed exceeding this number will be put on a waiting list)</i>		<i>Estimated number of subcommittees (SCs) on subsidiary legislation in action within the next three months</i> <i>(c)+(d) = (2 + 6), i.e. <u>8</u></i>		<i>Estimated number of subcommittees (SCs) on policy issues in action within the next three months</i> <i>(e) = <u>10</u></i>	
BCs <i>(Maximum number in operation: 16)</i>		SCs on subsidiary legislation <i>(Notional maximum number : 2)</i>		SCs on policy issues <i>(Maximum number : 8)</i>	
(a) BCs in action	(b) BCs expected to be formed in the next three months	(c) SCs on subsidiary legislation in action	(d) Subsidiary legislation expected to be gazetted in the next three months and on which SCs are expected to be formed	(e) SCs on policy issues in action	(f) SC on the waiting list
Total : 4	8	Total : 2	6	Total : 10	1
Please refer to List A of the Position Report on Bills Committees and subcommittees (the Position Report) (LC Paper No. CB(2) 877/09-10) for details of the BCs.	(i) Bills on the Legislative Programme	1. Subcommittee on Land (Compulsory Sale for Redevelopment) (Specification of Lower Percentage) Notice 2. Subcommittee on Census and Statistics (Annual Earnings and Hours Survey) Order	1. Statutes of The Chinese University of Hong Kong (Amendment) Statutes 2010 2. Code of Practice under the United Nations (Anti-Terrorism Measures) Ordinance and the Organized and Serious Crimes Ordinance 3. Subsidiary legislation relating to the introduction of Euro V standard for motor vehicle fuel 4. Subsidiary legislation and code of practice under the Waste Disposal Ordinance relating to the Clinical Waste Control Scheme 5. Subsidiary legislation to introduce amendments the Building (Construction) Regulations to update the design requirements for imposed loads of buildings 6. Subsidiary legislation relating to the Castle Peak Bay Immigration Centre	(i) Under House Committee	SC on Residential and Community Care Services for Persons with Disabilities and the Elderly under the Panel on Welfare Services
	Of the 18 bills in the Administration's 2009-2010 Legislative Programme which have not yet been introduced into the Legislative Council, six BCs are expected to be formed in the next three months. Sub-total : 6			Please refer to List F of the Position Report for details of the SCs. Sub-total : 3	
	(ii) Members' Bills			(ii) Under Panels	
1. The University of Hong Kong (Amendment) Bill 2010 2. The Hong Kong Polytechnic University (Amendment) Bill 2010 Sub-total : 2				Please refer to List G of the Position Report for details of the SCs. Sub-total : 7	