

Panel on Health Services**List of follow-up actions**

(Position as at 12 October 2009)

Subject	Date of meeting	Follow-up action required	Administration's response
1. Further discussion on the obstetric service charge for non-eligible persons whose spouses are Hong Kong residents	30 April 2007	<p>The Administration was requested to provide a written response to the motion passed by the Panel at the meeting on 16 April 2007 by early June 2007 at the latest. The wording of the motion reads as follows -</p> <p>"本委員會對於衛生福利及食物局及醫院管理局於今年 2 月初推行公立醫院內地孕婦的新收費政策(39,000 元／48,000 元)未有考慮對港人家庭(即父親為香港居民而母親為準來港婦女之家庭)的影響表示遺憾，並要求當局豁免港人家庭按新收費政策繳費。"</p>	<p>The effectiveness of the new obstetric service arrangements (including the obstetric service package charge) and complementary immigration measures are being closely monitored.</p> <p>A refund mechanism on the new obstetric package charge was introduced on 29 October 2007 by the Hospital Authority (HA). The Administration's response on the refund mechanism was issued vide LC Paper No. CB(2) 533/07-08(01) on 6 December 2007.</p>

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		<p>(Translation)</p> <p>"That this Panel expresses regret that the new obstetric package charge (\$39,000/\$48,000) implemented by the Health, Welfare and Food Bureau and the Hospital Authority in early February this year for Mainland women giving birth in public hospitals has failed to take into account its impact on Hong Kong families (i.e. those with the father being a Hong Kong resident and the mother a Two-way Permit holder), and urges the Government to exempt these families from the new fee charging policy."</p> <p>The Administration was also requested to include in its written response to the Panel the suggestion of refunding fees paid at the time of booking for public obstetric services if the delivery did not take place eventually due to valid reasons such as a miscarriage.</p>	
<p>2. Progress report on promoting healthy eating among school children</p>	<p>9 February 2009</p>	<p>The Administration was requested to provide findings of the following two surveys once they became available -</p> <p>(a) Child Health Survey conducted by the University of Hong Kong; and</p> <p>(b) Food Consumption Survey conducted by the Chinese University of Hong Kong.</p>	<p>The Administration updated the Panel vide LC Paper No. CB(2)1932/08-09(01), which was issued to members on 18 June 2009, that the data analysis of the Child Health Survey and the survey report of the Food Consumption Survey were expected to complete by end of 2009.</p>

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3. Regulation and control of pharmaceutical products in Hong Kong	31 March 2009	The Administration was requested to provide the revised checklist used by the inspectors of the Department of Health when conducting inspections on pharmaceutical manufacturers once they were finalised.	The Administration updated the Panel vide LC Paper No. CB(2)2139/08-09(01), which was issued to members on 7 July 2009, that the revised inspection checklist would be available after the completion of the Good Manufacturing Practices consultancy study on local manufacturers and the subsequent adoption of the consultancy recommendations by the Review Committee on Regulation of Pharmaceutical Products.
4. Redevelopment of Caritas Medical Centre, Phase Two	20 April 2009	<p>The Administration was requested to provide the following information in writing -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) whether there was any precedent case that the Administration had cancelled the tender exercise for a capital works project because of a higher-than-expected tender outturn price and split up the single works contract into smaller contracts to be tendered out separately thereafter; (b) the bureaux and departments involved in arriving the decision of withholding the capital works project on the phase two redevelopment of the Caritas Medical Centre and formulating a revised procurement strategy for its delivery; (c) a detailed comparison of the original and the updated building design of the new ambulatory/rehabilitation block in terms of floor area; and 	The Administration's response was issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(2)2223/08-09(01) on 14 July 2009.

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		(d) an explanation as to why the decanting works for demolition of Wai Ming Block would be carried out by HA's Term Contractor, instead of awarding the works through open tender.	
5. Report on findings of technical feasibility study on smoking room	20 April 2009	The Administration was requested to provide a summary of its observations on the feasibility studies conducted by the trade on smoking room.	The Administration's response was issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(2)1876/08-09(01) on 15 June 2009.
6. Interim review outcome of pilot Doctor Work Reform programmes	11 May 2009	The Administration was requested to provide information on the average number of public hospital medical and nursing staff on each night shift and the average weekly work hours of public hospital doctors at different ranks.	The Administration's response was issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(2)2198/08-09(01) on 13 July 2009. According to the Administration, HA has started monitoring doctors' working hours systematically since January 2009. The work hour data of HA doctors will be available by end of the third quarter of 2009.
7. Prevention and control of human swine influenza infection in Hong Kong	13 May 2009	The Administration was requested to provide a written response to the suggestion of drawing up a guideline on administration of Tamiflu to passengers on board the airplanes bound for Hong Kong should they display symptoms suggestive of human swine influenza, subject to the advice of onboard health professional and/or medical support from the ground.	The Administration's response was issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(2)1933/08-09(01) on 18 June 2009.

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8. Progress of licensing under the Human Reproductive Technology Ordinance	8 June 2009	<p>The Administration was requested to provide the following information in writing -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) a breakdown of the four types of licences, namely, (i) treatment licence; (ii) artificial insemination by husband licence; (iii) storage licence; and (iv) research licence, issued by the Council on Human Reproductive Technology (CHRT) to applicants; (b) the list of licensees with research licence; and (c) the number of licence applications received so far and the number of licences issued by CHRT. 	The Administration's response was issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(2)2213/08-09(01) on 13 July 2009.
9. Updates on the Drug Formulary of the Hospital Authority	8 June 2009	The Administration was requested to provide after completion of the current consultation exercise with the patient groups in end July 2009 a summary of views received on the Hospital Authority Drug Formulary.	The Administration's response was issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(2)2484/08-09(01) on 14 September 2009.

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10. Vaccination programme: Human swine influenza, pneumococcal and seasonal influenza	10 June 2009	<p>The Administration was requested to provide the following information before submitting its funding proposal to the Finance Committee (FC) for approval on 19 June 2009 -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) measures to safeguard that the HSI vaccines to be procured were effective, safe and reasonably priced;(b) vaccination arrangements for all elderly persons aged 65 and above; and(c) the numbers of elderly persons aged 65 and above who had and had not received free seasonal influenza vaccinations at public hospitals and clinics under the Government Influenza Vaccination Programme in the past few years.	The Administration's response was issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(2)1924/08-09(01) on 17 June 2009.
11. Policy on use of drugs in life threatening emergency situations	19 June 2009	<p>The Administration was requested to provide the following in writing -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) the relevant extract from the minutes of the Drug Utilisation Review Committee's meeting held in March 2006 regarding its relevant consideration on the use of a self-financed item or special drug outside its indications specified in the Hospital Authority Drug Formulary; and	The required information will be provided in due course.

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		(b) the more explicit guideline to be promulgated by the Hospital Authority (HA) to reiterate the policy on the use of drug in immediate life threatening emergency situations after the internal consultation within HA.	
12. Development of a territory-wide electronic healthcare record sharing system	19 June 2009	The Administration was requested to explain in writing, before seeking approval from FC for funding and manpower resources required for the implementation of the electronic health record (eHR) programme, the strategy to promote the participation of the private healthcare sector in eHR sharing, in particular how to ensure that sufficient private healthcare service providers will use the sharing system.	The Administration's response was issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(2)2101/08-09(01) on 3 July 2009.
13. Reprovisioning of Yaumatei Specialist Clinic at Queen Elizabeth Hospital	13 July 2009	The Administration was requested to provide the following information in writing - (a) the respective number of old and new cases and the average waiting time for first appointment of the Child Psychiatric Centre of YMTSC and AMC of QEH in each of the past five years;	The Administration's response was issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(2)2595/08-09(01) on 6 October 2009.

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		<p>(b) the number of child psychiatrists to be employed at the Child Psychiatric Centre in the year ahead; and</p> <p>(c) the average waiting time for first appointment and the average length of stay of patients of the Geriatric Day Hospital of YMTSC in each of the past five years.</p>	

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