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Panel on Welfare Services

**Minutes of special meeting
held on Saturday, 5 June 2010, at 9:00 am
in the Chamber of the Legislative Council Building**

- Members present** : Hon WONG Sing-chi (Chairman)
Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Deputy Chairman)
Hon Albert HO Chun-yan
Hon LEE Cheuk-yan
Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung
Hon TAM Yiu-chung, GBS, JP
Hon LI Fung-ying, BBS, JP
Hon Frederick FUNG Kin-kee, SBS, JP
Hon Ronny TONG Ka-wah, SC
Hon Paul CHAN Mo-po, MH, JP
Hon IP Wai-ming, MH
Dr Hon PAN Pey-chyou
Hon Alan LEONG Kah-kit, SC
Hon Albert CHAN Wai-yip
- Members absent** : Dr Hon LEUNG Ka-lau
Hon WONG Kwok-kin, BBS
Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung
- Member attending** : Hon Mrs Sophie LEUNG LAU Yau-fun, GBS, JP
- Public Officers attending** : Social Welfare Advisory Committee
Professor CHAN Yuk-shee, BBS, JP
Chairman

Ms Maggie CHAN
Member

Mr Quentin FONG
Member

Mr Herman HUI, BBS, JP
Member

Mr Jovy SUEN
Member

Mr TUNG Chi-fat
Member

Mr Benedict WONG, MH, JP
Member

Mr Michael WONG
Member

Ms Lisa YIP, JP
Member

Miss Vicky CHEUNG
Secretary

Attendance by invitation : Session 1

Hong Kong Women Development Association

Ms AU YEUNG Po-chun
Vice-Chairperson

Hong Kong Social Workers Association

Mr Frederick LAI Wing-hoi
President

Association for the Right of the Elderly

Mr CHAN Kam-ming
Vice Chairperson

The Hong Kong Federation of Trade Unions,
Social Affairs Committee

Mr KWOK Wai-keung

Concerning CSSA Review Alliance

Ms SONGSIRISAKUL Ma-lee
Member

Miss LAM Man-wa
Member

CSSA Concern Group

Ms KONG Hung-lui
Member

Hong Kong Policy Viewers

Mr KUNG Wai-sum
Committee Member

Hong Kong Blind Union

Mr CHONG Chan-yau
President

Staff Union of Mental Health Association of Hong Kong

Mr CHEUNG Chor-kin
Chairman

The Forthright Caucus

Mr Fernando CHEUNG
Chairperson

Frontline Welfare Employees' Union

Mr KONG Kwai-sang

爭取資助院舍聯席

Ms HO Bo-ching
Convenor

Ms YU Sau-chu, MH, JP, member of Sha Tin District Council

Anti "False Harmony" Alliance

Mr Eddie TSE Sai-kit

高官良心監察組

Mr CHIN Wai-lok

Concern Group for Women Poverty

Ms HO Foei-lin
Secretary

The Hong Kong Council of Social Service

Dr Timothy W L CHAN
Business Director (Service Development)

Ms Wendy K Y WU
Chairperson of Standing Committee on Service Development

Grassroots Development Centre

Ms WONG Ling-hei
Member

Chinese Grey Power

Ms LO Siu-lan
Chairlady

Labour Rights Commune

Mr WONG Chi-kwan
Member

Kwai Chung Estate Residents' Right Concern Group

Mr CHANG Bui
Chairman

Ms TANG Lai-kwan
Treasurer

Session 2

Alliance for Universal Pension

Mr AU YEUNG Kwun-tung
Organizer

Sham Shui Po Community Association

Miss CHOW Kit-yin
Chairperson

Youth Assistant for the Underprivileged

Mr Hendrick LUI Chi-hang
Chairperson

Civic Party

Mr Bill LAY
Exco Member

Labour-welfare Group of Democratic Party

Mr TIK Chi-yuen
Convenor

The Association of Parents of the Severely Mentally Handicapped

Ms CHENG Yee-man
Chairman

Government Mod 1 Staff General Union

Mr TSUI Yat-keung
Vice-Chairperson

The Concerned Group of Small Welfare Agencies

Mr CHAN Wing-kai
Vice-Convener

The Church of United Brethren in Christ

Ms WONG Sau-wa
Service Coordinator, Social Service Division

Ageneration

Mr FAN Lap-hin
Project Co-ordinator

COURTYARD - Mutual Support Network among
Self-help Groups

Mr YEUNG Kin-bun
Organizer

The Hong Kong Joint Council of Parents of the
Mentally Handicapped

Mrs YU CHEUNG Pui-lan
Executive Committee

西營盤住屋權益關注組

Ms CHUNG Ching-ha
Representative

Catholic Diocese of Hong Kong, Diocesan
Pastoral Centre for Workers (NT)

Mr Augustine YU Siu-po
Program Officer

Evangelical Embassy

Ms LAW Lai-ping
Group Member

North District Employment Concern Group

Ms KWOK Yuen-yee
Group Member

Hong Kong Human Rights Monitor

Mr KWOK Hiu-chung
Officer

Hong Kong Association for Parents of Persons with
Physical Disabilities

Ms Ivy TAM
Member

「誰是政棍」監察研究小組

Mr MAN Yau-tong
Chairman

Community Care and Nursing Home Workers
General Union

Ms CHUNG Wai-ling
Chairperson

Committee of Social Service Unions, Hong Kong
Confederation of Trade Unions (HKCTU)

Ms CHO Wai-lin
Committee Member

Hong Kong Federation of Social Work Students

Mr LEE Chak-man
External Vice President

Hong Kong Christian Institute

Mr TANG Wing-fai
Programme Secretary

Clerk in attendance : Miss Betty MA
Chief Council Secretary (2) 4

Staff in attendance : Ms Yvonne YU
Senior Council Secretary (2) 5

Miss Maggie CHIU
Legislative Assistant (2) 4

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I. Long-term social welfare planning

[LC Paper Nos. CB(2)1649/09-10(01) to (04), CB(2)1691/09-10(01) to (03), CB(2)1721/09-10(01) to (07) and CB(2)1733/09-10(01) to (12)]

The Chairman said that the special meeting was convened to receive views from deputations on the long-term social welfare planning in Hong Kong. He thanked the Chairman and members of the Social Welfare Advisory Committee ("SWAC") for attending the meeting. The Chairman further said that in view of the number of deputations indicating interest to express their views on the subject, a further special meeting would be held on 26 June 2010 to receive other deputations on the subject. The next meeting would also meet with deputations on the review on the implementation of the Integrated Family Services Centre Service Mode.

Meeting with deputations

Session one

2. At the invitation of the Chairman, 21 deputations attended session one and presented their views on the long-term social welfare planning. A summary of the deputations' views is in the **Appendix**.

Discussions

3. At the invitation of the Chairman, Professor CHAN Yuk-shee, Chairman of SWAC ("Chairman/SWAC") said that SWAC released a consultation paper on the long-term social welfare planning in April 2010. Since then, SWAC had held four consultation sessions up to the meeting date to gauge the views of and elicit comments from the stakeholders on the consultation paper. He stressed that the consultation paper looked into the subject of long-term welfare planning at a macro level. It set out the guiding principles for social welfare planning and the strategic directions for providing welfare services to address welfare-related issues at a macro level, instead of focusing on service provision in individual areas. He hoped that the consultation document would help align objectives for developing more concrete proposals on service provision in specific areas. SWAC would analyse the views received during the consultation with a view to formulating its views and recommendations on welfare planning for consideration by the Administration.

4. Mr IP wai-ming considered that the consultation exercise on the long-term social welfare planning should be spearheaded by the Government rather than SWAC. Noting that SWAC invited comments on 15 questions relating to social welfare issues set out in Chapter 6 of the consultation paper, Mr IP wondered whether and how SWAC would draw up recommendations for the Government's consideration if no consensus views were collected from the consultation

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exercise. With reference to the introduction chapter of the consultation paper, Mr IP was concerned whether SWAC had ruled out the possibility of adopting the Five-Year Plan mechanism for planning the social welfare services from the outset. He asked whether SWAC would study specifically the working-poor problem and the proposal of introducing a universal retirement protection scheme and draw up concrete proposals in that regard.

5. Chairman/SWAC said that as explained earlier, the consultation paper looked into the subject of long-term welfare planning at a macro level, with a view to formulating a blueprint of the future social welfare development in Hong Kong at the current stage of consultation. The proposals were not targeted at addressing specific problems, resources allocation and prioritisation in individual welfare areas. Chairman/SWAC further said that SWAC would deliberate on the views and comments received and prepare a report for consideration by the Administration.

6. Mr Albert HO was of the view that the key issues affecting the provision of welfare services raised in the consultation paper, as well as the guiding principles and strategic directions proposed to be adopted for the long-term social welfare planning were in line with the Administration's thinking. He wondered whether the Administration had been consulted prior to the release of the consultation paper and enquired about the relationship between SWAC and the Government.

7. Ms Maggie CHAN, member of SWAC, said that a Task Group on Welfare Planning ("Task Group") had been set up under SWAC to take forward the study and formulate the consultation framework. With the assistance of the Task Group, SWAC released the consultation paper in April 2010. The consultation paper sought to set out the initial views of SWAC on long-term welfare planning at a macro level and collect the views of stakeholders on the subject. SWAC would analyse the views collected and decide on the topics for further study. She stressed that the consultation was an independent exercise conducted by SWAC.

8. Mr TUNG Chi-fat, member of SWAC acknowledged that some deputations were gravely concerned about the provision of welfare services in specific areas, such as the provision of residential care services for the elderly. He advised that the current study being undertaken by SWAC aimed at studying welfare-related issues at a macro level and developing a blueprint for the future welfare system, instead of focusing on the service provision in specific areas.

9. Mr TAM Yiu-chung said that while SWAC's study aimed at deliberating on strategies for provision of welfare services at a macro level, the deputations were concerned about individual service areas. He wondered how SWAC would, in the light of the views collected, draw up recommendations for the consideration of the Administration.

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10. Chairman/SWAC stressed that the current study looked into the subject of welfare planning at a macro level. He noted however that many stakeholders were concerned about individual service areas. SWAC would thoroughly study and analyse the views received during the consultation period and prepare a report for consideration by the Administration. Chairman/SWAC said that SWAC would not make recommendations on the prioritisation of individual welfare service areas. It would set out the guiding principles and strategic directions proposed to adopt for the long-term social welfare planning.

11. Mr CHAN Wai-yip welcomed the commission of the study on the long-term social welfare planning in Hong Kong, having regard to the fact that the existing welfare system was far lagged behind those in many overseas countries. However, he considered that the guiding principles and strategic directions for the long-term social welfare planning set out in the consultation paper were similar to the thinking of the Government. He appealed to SWAC to conduct an impartial study with a view to critically examining the existing welfare system.

12. Mr Alan LEONG expressed support for the adoption of a Five-Year Plan mechanism for planning of social welfare services. He was delighted to note that SWAC had not ruled out the possibility of reinstating the mechanism in considering the way forward for the long-term planning of social welfare in Hong Kong. Mr LEONG enquired about the scope to which SWAC could recommend changes to the existing welfare system upon completion of the consultation exercise. In response, Chairman/SWAC said that there was room for SWAC to offer its views and make recommendations to the Administration through the study. The study of the guiding principles and strategic directions was the first step of and critical for the study on long-term welfare planning. He further said that upon completion of the consultation, SWAC would thoroughly study and analyse the views and comments received and prepare a report for consideration by the Administration.

[The meeting was suspended for a 5-minute break and resumed at 10:55 am.]

Session two

13. At the invitation of the Chairman, 23 deputations attended session two and presented their views on the long-term social welfare planning. A summary of the deputations' views is in the **Appendix**.

14. Mr CHEUNG Kwok-che was regrettable that no representative from the Administration had attended the meeting. Mr CHEUNG was of the view that SWAC should make recommendation on the mechanism for social welfare planning for the consideration of the Administration. Mr CHEUNG further asked when SWAC would submit its report to the Administration for consideration.

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15. With reference to the deputations' call for wider consultation, Mr CHEUNG Kwok-che and Mr LEUNG Yiu-chung were concerned whether and how SWAC would consider soliciting public views from the community at large on the long-term social welfare planning. Mr LEUNG enquired SWAC's stance on the user pays principle.

16. Mr Albert CHAN reiterated his view that SWAC should be innovative in taking forward its study on the long-term social welfare planning in Hong Kong. He strongly urged SWAC to draw up a concrete timetable for reviewing and identifying inadequacies in the existing welfare system, with a view to setting out the directions for the Government to conduct an overhaul of the existing policy planning and resources allocation process.

17. Chairman/SWAC thanked the views of deputations and members on the consultation paper. While he fully understood that many service users and service providers expected that SWAC would also examine the provision of services and resources allocation for specific service areas, he stressed that the current study of SWAC aimed at developing a blueprint for the future welfare system in a macro perspective. As regards the user pays principle, Chairman/SWAC clarified that what it actually meant was "the financially-capable pays" (能者自付). SWAC would like to invite the views from stakeholders as to whether those who were financially capable should be asked to pay for specific welfare services (能者自付) so as to widen the source of resources for welfare. Chairman/SWAC advised that to kickoff the consultation study, SWAC had invited stakeholders in the welfare sector to offer their views. Nonetheless, SWAC welcomed views and comments from the stakeholders and the community on the consultation paper, and it had scheduled a meeting to deliberate on the views collected at this stage of consultation. He added that SWAC would further consider the request for extending the consultation period.

18. The Chairman said that owing to time constraints, the Panel would receive further views and continue discussion on the subject at the special meeting to be held on 26 June 2010. As regards the concerns about the attendance of the Administration, the Chairman advised that the Panel had invited representatives of the Administration to attend the meeting. He would write to the Secretary for Labour and Welfare ("SLW") and expressed members' disappointment at the lack of representatives of the Administration at the meeting, and to invite the attendance of the Administration at the next special meeting to be held on 26 June 2010 to receive further views on the long-term social welfare planning.

(Post-meeting note: The reply from SLW dated 9 June 2010 was issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(2)1791/09-10(01).)

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19. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 12:14 pm.

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Panel on Welfare Services

Special meeting on Saturday, 5 June 2010

Long-term social welfare planning

Summary of views and concerns expressed by deputations

No.	Name of deputation	Major views and concerns
<u>Session 1</u>		
1.	Hong Kong Blind Union	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the issues raised in the Consultation Paper on Long-Term Social Welfare Planning in Hong Kong ("the consultation paper") issued by the Social Welfare Advisory Committee ("SWAC") were non-controversial. However, the consultation paper failed to set out specific targets for problem solving, such as the targets for shortening the waiting time for residential care homes for the elderly ("RCHEs") and residential care homes for persons with disabilities ("RCHDs"), and poverty alleviation. Neither did the consultation paper throw light on old-age retirement protection • the existing mechanism for public engagement and consultation on the long-term social welfare planning was proven ineffective. Persons with disabilities ("PWDs") and the underprivileged should be represented in the mechanism

No.	Name of deputation	Major views and concerns
2.	Hong Kong Women Development Association	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● raised no objection to the strategic directions for planning and provision of welfare services as set out in the consultation paper ● although additional resources had been deployed for launching various pilot schemes under the welfare programmes, preventive services were left out from the pilot schemes ● while the Community Investment and Inclusion Fund was established in 2002 to provide seed money to support collaborative projects between community projects and the private sector, the Administration had not allocated adequate resources to non-subsidised non-governmental organisations ("NGOs") for taking part in promoting the concept of social investment ● urged the Government to acknowledge the contribution of non-subsidised NGOs and allocate more resources to these organisations for service provision
3.	Association for the Right of the Elderly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● the absence of representatives of the Administration in attendance of the consultation sessions held by SWAC and the Panel meeting evidenced a lack of commitment and evasion of responsibility of the Administration to map out a long-term plan for welfare services ● the consultation paper lacked of policy directions for provision of welfare services and targets for achievement ● the Government should consider establishing a database on welfare-related statistics for planning purpose and introducing a corporate responsibility tax
4.	Hong Kong Social Workers Association [LC Paper No. CB(2)1721/09-10(01)]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● the consultation paper should invite public views on the policy directions and mechanism for service planning ● extensive consultation in respect of the consultation paper should be conducted to solicit views from service users and the stakeholders ● the planning mechanism for service provision should be flexibly adjustable to the changing needs of the community

No.	Name of deputation	Major views and concerns
5.	The Hong Kong Federation of Trade Unions, Social Affairs Committee [LC Paper No. CB(2)1733/09-10(01)]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● the Government should widely consult the welfare sector, service users and the relevant stakeholders on the consultation document with a view to formulating the long-term and sustainable services to meet the welfare needs ● the Government should consider the proposals put forward in the submission, including (i) addressing the problem of working poverty by creating more jobs; (ii) implementing the universal retirement protection scheme; (iii) providing an income supplement to poor elders; and (iv) extending the portability of social security schemes
6.	Concerning CSSA Review Alliance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● the Government should study how to provide specific assistance to help the disadvantaged, in particular the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance ("CSSA") recipients to move from welfare to self-reliance
7.	CSSA Concern Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● opined that in promoting tripartite partnerships and collaboration among the Government, NGOs and the business sector, undue emphasis was placed from the perspective of the business sector, and thereby the needs of the disadvantaged could not be fully addressed
8.	Hong Kong Policy Viewers [LC Paper No. CB(2)1691/09-10(01)]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● the consultation exercise should be led by the Government, instead of SWAC which was an advisory body ● the consultation period should be extended to allow wider public engagement in the light of its implications on the welfare sector ● the Government should take the opportunity to examine its mission and values underpinning the social welfare policy
9.	Staff Union of Mental Health Association of Hong Kong [LC Paper No. CB(2)1691/09-10(02)]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● the consultation paper lacked of a blueprint, timetable and work plan for the long-term social welfare planning, nor putting forward proposal to promote the welfare needs of PWDs ● the Government should set up an independent committee comprising representatives from the relevant bureaux and departments to review the welfare system and examine the directions for the long-term social welfare planning

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10.	The Forthright Caucus [LC Paper No. CB(2)1721/09-10(02)]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● it was given an impression that the Government was not prepared to devise a long-term planning of welfare services as the consultation paper did not set out any concrete proposals ● the consultation paper was directive in taking forward the user pays principle in promoting shared responsibility ● the Government should advise on its way forward after the completion of the consultation exercise
11.	Frontline Welfare Employees' Union [LC Paper No. CB(2)1733/09-10(02)]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● the general principles and strategic directions for provision of welfare services set out in the consultation paper were unacceptable as they deviated from the fundamental values of social welfare, in particular the introduction of user pays principle and the participation of the business sector in welfare service provision ● SWAC should put on hold the consultation paper, and conduct a fresh consultation with full participation of service users and the welfare sector to map out the long-term plan for welfare services that met the social needs
12.	爭取資助院舍聯席 [LC Paper No. CB(2)1721/09-10(03)]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● the provision of social welfare should be planned in accordance with the needs of the society. The consultation should shed light on the long-term planning on the provision of RCHEs and RCHDs, provision of assistance to family carers of PWDs, etc ● it was Government's responsibility to provide welfare services to the disadvantaged, and therefore it opposed to the introduction of the user pays principle for welfare services ● the consultation period should also be extended to allow wider participation of the stakeholders in the consultation exercise
13.	Ms YU Sau-chu, MH, JP, member of Sha Tin District Council [LC Paper No. CB(2)1733/09-10(03)]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● the Government should acknowledge the contribution of non-subvented NGOs and actively engage these organisations in the provision of welfare services ● the Government should allocate more resources for preventive services

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14.	Anti "False Harmony" Alliance [LC Paper No. CB(2)1721/09-10(04)]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SWAC should call the consultation to a halt. Instead, the long-term social welfare planning should be conducted in the form of a White Paper and spearheaded by the Labour and Welfare Bureau ("LWB")
15.	高官良心監察組	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● expressed regret that the Secretary for Labour and Welfare ("SLW") did not attend the meeting to receive and respond to views raised by deputations ● calling on the Administration to fully understand the difficulties faced by the poor elderly, PWDs and low-income workers
16.	Concern Group for Women Poverty [LC Paper No. CB(2)1721/09-10(05)]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● the consultation paper had yet to set out concrete proposals to deal with the problems and difficulties of the disadvantaged, e.g. proposal to conduct a comprehensive review of the CSSA Scheme ● expressed regret that no representative of the Administration had attended the meeting to receive deputations' views
17.	The Hong Kong Council of Social Service [LC Paper No. CB(2)1733/09-10(04)]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● the strategic directions for the long-term planning and provisions of welfare services should be drawn up with due regard to the welfare needs of the disadvantaged, social investment, and social development, together with the relevant roadmap and implementation timetable ● the Government should kickoff the study on the long-term financing of welfare services such that the welfare system would be affordable ● the Government should set out specific targets and priorities for welfare services in the next 10 years ● the Administration should commence the social welfare planning mechanism as promulgated when implementing the Lump Sum Grant subvention system in 2001 ● the consultation period should be extended

No.	Name of deputation	Major views and concerns
18.	Chinese Grey Power [LC Paper No. CB(2)1733/09-10(06)]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● the Administration should introduce a universal retirement protection scheme and review the CSSA Scheme expeditiously in the light of the ageing population
19.	Labour Rights Commune [LC Paper No. CB(2)1733/09-10(07)]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● expressed disappointment that no representative from the Administration had attended the meeting to receive and respond to the views of deputations ● the Administration should implement a universal retirement protection scheme, review the offsetting arrangements under the Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes, and set the statutory hourly minimum wage level at \$33
20.	Kwai Chung Estate Residents' Right Concern Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● expressed concern about the financial difficulties and medical problems faced by the poor elderly ● the Administration should introduce a universal retirement protection scheme in the light of the financial problems faced by the poor elderly and the underprivileged
21.	Grassroots Development Centre [LC Paper No. CB(2)1733/09-10(05)]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● expressed concern about the financial difficulties faced by the poor elderly ● the Administration should introduce a universal retirement protection scheme and enhance the residential care services for the elderly
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22.	西營盤住屋權益關注組 [LC Paper No. CB(2)1721/09-10(07)]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● the Administration should enhance the Neighbourhood Community Development Level Project teams so that they could render specific assistance to residents
23.	Alliance for Universal Pension [LC Paper No. CB(2)1733/09-10(08)]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● expressed regret and dissatisfaction that SLW did not attend the meeting to receive views of deputations ● instead of promoting tripartite partnerships in the long-term development of the welfare system, the Administration should formulate long-term social welfare planning for the ageing population and implement a universal retirement protection scheme

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24.	Sham Shui Po Community Association [LC Paper No. CB(2)1733/09-10(09)]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● the safety net was inadequate to protect the welfare and well-being of the disadvantaged, the low-income group and the elderly; ● the Government should review the elderly policy, such as requirement for the elderly to apply for CSSA on a household basis and the provision of RCHE places
25.	Youth Assistant for the Underprivileged [LC Paper No. CB(2)1733/09-10(10)]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● the Government should review the work and services for the youth and formulate an overall policy on youth matters ● the Government should enhance communications with the youth and engage the youth in the work of the Commission on Youth
26.	Labour-welfare Group of Democratic Party	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● expressed disappointment that no representative from the Administration had attended the meeting to receive views on the long-term welfare planning ● the Government should set out clearly its role and responsibility in formulating the long-term social welfare planning and provision of welfare services ● apart from setting out the guiding principles and directions for the long-term social welfare planning, the Government should put forward concrete implementation measures in the consultation paper ● in addition to the long-term social welfare planning, the Government should draw up an annual plan for provision of welfare services as well as a medium-term development plan
27.	The Association of Parents of the Severely Mentally Handicapped [LC Paper No. CB(2)1721/09-10(06)]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● considered that the four consultation sessions held by SWAC were far from adequate, SWAC should enhance users' participation in the consultation process ● the rights of PWDs and the elderly should not be neglected in formulating the long-term social welfare planning ● the Government should also formulate short and medium-term social welfare planning

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28.	Civic Party	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● cast doubt about the sincerity of the Government in formulating a long-term social welfare planning having regard to the fact that no representative from the Administration had attended the consultation sessions to receive views from the welfare sector and stakeholders ● urged for conducting a territory-wide public consultation on the consultation paper
29.	Government Mod 1 Staff General Union [LC Paper No. CB(2)1649/09-10(03)]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● strongly urged the Government to implement a universal retirement protection scheme and provide subsidies to low-income groups as soon as practicable ● opposed to privatization of the provision of social welfare services ● considered that the existing funding and resource allocation mechanism for welfare services was due for an overhaul
30.	The Concerned Group of Small Welfare Agencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● the consultation exercise was incomplete as it failed to put forward concrete proposals in specific service areas for consultation ● the long-term social welfare planning exercise should be led by the Government ● the adoption of five-year plan and ten-year plan mechanisms were important for effective long-term social welfare planning
31.	The Church of United Brethren in Christ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● as the consultation paper set out the guiding principles and strategic directions for future planning, it departed from the public expectations for an overhaul of the inadequacies of existing services and the formulation of the long-term plan for service provision and resource allocation in specific areas ● SWAC should also look into the role of the Government in the provision of welfare services and the collaboration among different bureaux in formulating the long-term social welfare planning ● urged members to monitor closely the Administration in implementing the recommendations of SWAC

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32.	Ageneration [LC Paper No. CB(2)1733/09-10(11)]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● the Government had yet to demonstrate its commitment in the long-term provision of welfare services ● concerned about the proposal of introducing the user pays principle in respect of welfare services ● the consultation paper failed to examine the underlying problems and difficulties faced by the disadvantaged, not to mention making recommendations and introducing measures to address the problems
33.	COURTYARD – Mutual Support Network among Self-help Groups [LC Paper No. CB(2)1733/09-10(12)]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● expressed regret that no representative from the Administration had attended the meeting to receive and respond to various issues of concern raised by members and deputations, and hence showing a lack of commitment in drawing up a long-term plan for welfare services ● cast doubt as to whether and how SWAC would devise a blueprint for the long-term social welfare planning in Hong Kong simply based on the views collected from the four consultation sessions, which lacked of participation of frontline welfare staff and service users ● SWAC should shelve the consultation exercise, given that this should be led by LWB. Public views on the long-term social welfare planning should be solicited by the promulgation of a White Paper or Green Paper
34.	The Hong Kong Joint Council of Parents of the Mentally Handicapped	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● the provision of welfare services had been taking a retrograde step since the implementation of the Lump Sum Grant subvention system ● the 4-month consultation period was too short and should be extended
35.	Catholic Diocese of Hong Kong, Diocesan Pastoral Centre for Workers (NT)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● concerned about a change in the philosophy underpinning the provision of welfare services by introducing the user pays principle ● the Government should demonstrate its commitment and responsibility in providing welfare services for the disadvantaged and safeguarding individual welfare rights

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36.	Evangelical Embassy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● considered that the existing welfare services being provided to the underprivileged were insufficient and that the user pays principles would aggravate the burden on the service users ● the Government had yet to state clearly its role and commitment in the long-term social welfare planning in the consultation exercise ● opposed to the strategic directions set out in the consultation paper
37.	North District Employment Concern Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● strongly opposed to the introduction of the user pays principle set out in the consultation paper
38.	Hong Kong Human Rights Monitor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● the direction for the long-term social welfare planning in Hong Kong should be consistent with the international conventions on human rights ● cast doubt about the independence of SWAC in conducting the consultation study as members of SWAC were appointed by the Chief Executive ● considered that the long-term social welfare planning exercise should be led by the Government rather than SWAC. Specifically, an inter-bureaux working group should be formed in this regard
39.	Hong Kong Association for Parents of Persons with Physical Disabilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● the consultation paper failed to address the welfare needs of PWDs ● the Government should review the requirement for PWDs to apply for CSSA on a household basis and the eligibility for Disability Allowance
40.	「誰是政棍」監察研究小組	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● the Government should review the eligibility criteria for CSSA payments ● the consultation paper failed to address the Government's resource allocation process in respect of social welfare planning
41.	Community Care and Nursing Home Workers General Union	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● expressed grave concern that some service users could not access specific welfare services for not being able to meet the relevant fees in the event that the user pays principle was adopted

No.	Name of deputation	Major views and concerns
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● the consultation study should also examine the impact of delivery of welfare services by time-limited contract staff from the perspectives of service quality and staff wastage and turnover
42.	Committee of Social Service Unions, Hong Kong Confederation of Trade Unions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● expressed dissatisfaction that the consultation paper had not set out the role played by trade unions in the long-term social welfare planning, ● expressed concern about the strategic directions for adopting user pays principle for the provision of welfare services ● SWAC should also study the impact on operation of NGOs and service delivery given that most NGO staff were employed on time-limited contract terms
43.	Hong Kong Federation of Social Work Students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● expressed disappointment that social work students were turned away from the four consultation sessions held by SWAC and their views on the long-term social welfare planning were neglected ● SWAC should shelve the consultation exercise and that LWB should take the lead for conducting another round of consultation with public engagement
44.	Hong Kong Christian Institute	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● consultation on the long-term social welfare planning should not be confined to the welfare sector, but the whole community should be involved ● the Government should set out its role in formulating the long-term plan for social welfare planning and establish a mechanism for long-term planning ● apart from consulting the sector and stakeholders on the long-term social welfare planning, SWAC should also gauge views from the general public including the service users