

Panel on Welfare Services

List of follow-up actions
(position as at 12 October 2009)

Subject	Date of meeting	Follow-up action required	Administration's response
1. Provision of infirmary care for elders in a non-hospital setting	13 December 2004	The Administration undertook to provide more details of the tender exercise before the next meeting, including the criteria used in selecting operators to run the trial scheme, justification(s) for inviting private home operators to participate in the exercise, and the reason(s) for setting the unit subsidy for each subsidized infirmary bed in a non-hospital setting at around \$11,000.	The latest plan of the Administration is to upgrade some of the places in subvented residential care homes for the elderly to provide infirmary care. The Administration aims to report progress in due course.

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2. Conversion of self-care (S/C) hostel and home for the aged (H/A) places into care and attention places providing continuum of care	14 March 2005	The Administration was requested to provide its plan on providing long term care for the elderly in the medium and long terms, including financing for residential care services for the elderly.	The Administration has submitted two papers (LC Paper Nos. CB(2)835/07-08(01) and CB(2)1038/07-08(01)) to the Subcommittee on Elderly Services (the Subcommittee) on "Residential Care Services for the Elderly" which were discussed on 22 January 2008 and 19 February 2008. Another meeting was held on 11 April 2008 to follow up the views expressed by the Subcommittee on, among other things, the financing for residential care services for the elderly. The Administration is studying the long-term planning for subsidised residential care services for the elderly through a consultancy study led by the Elderly Commission (EC), which is nearing completion. EC will consider the study findings and recommendations, and report progress to the Panel later this year.

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<p>3. Implementation of the Integrated Family Service Centre Model and closure of time-limited Single Parent Centres</p>	<p>9 May 2005</p>	<p>The Administration was requested to revert to members on whether to re-open the Single Parent Centres after the completion of its review on the implementation of the Integrated Family Service Centre (IFSC) service mode by end 2009.</p>	<p>The transformation of IFSCs was completed in 2004-2005. In October 2008, the Administration commissioned a review on the implementation of the IFSC service mode. It is expected to be completed by the end of 2009. The Administration reported progress to the Panel in March 2009 and further discussed the matter at the May meeting. The Administration will report the result of the review to the Panel in due course.</p>
<p>4. Progress report on the standardized assessment mechanism for residential services for people with disabilities</p>	<p>21 March 2006</p>	<p>The Administration was requested to include representative from the Hong Kong Council of Social Service (HKCSS) in the Review Working Group on Standardized Assessment Mechanism for Residential Services for People with Disabilities and to increase the number of representatives from parents' groups in the Review Working Group.</p> <p>The then Secretary for Health, Welfare and Food was requested to come up with ways to solve the existing lack of premises for providing residential services for people with disabilities (PWDs).</p>	<p>The Administration will include representative from the HKCSS and invite more representatives from parents' groups to the future Review Working Group meetings.</p> <p>The Bureau will consider appropriate measures to identify and acquire suitable premises/sites for providing residential services to PWDs and will report to LegCo in due course.</p>

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<p>5. Assistance to elderly not receiving Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA)</p>	<p>8 June 2006</p>	<p>The Administration was requested to –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) provide a paper setting out the relevant figures to substantiate its saying that a pay-as-you-go retirement protection scheme was not feasible; and (b) consult employees in Hong Kong on whether they were willing to allocate part of their MPF contributions, say 50%, to a pool for distribution to the current cohort of elders, on the understanding they too would receive a monthly sum of some \$2,500 in their old age. 	<p>The Administration is collating the requisite information and aims to provide a paper once ready.</p>
<p>6. Review of rent allowance under the CSSA Scheme</p>	<p>8 May 2008</p>	<p>The Administration was requested to provide a written response to the suggestion of granting a rent allowance higher than the maximum levels of rent allowance to those CSSA households with genuine and pressing housing needs to cover the actual rent paid.</p>	<p>The Administration is studying the matter and will provide a response when ready.</p>
<p>7. Review Report on the Lump Sum Grant Subvention System</p>	<p>9 February 2009 9 March 2009</p>	<p>The Administration was requested -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) to provide the specific timetable for and priorities of implementation of the 36 recommendations made by the Lump Sum Grant Independent Review Committee (LSGIRC); (b) to take necessary actions on the motion passed by the Panel; and (c) to report regularly on the implementation of the recommendations made by LSGIRC. 	<p>The Administration aims at introducing most of the new initiatives by the end of 2009 and will advise the Panel of the timetable and progress at an appropriate time.</p> <p>The Administration will follow up on the recommendations made by the LSGIRC.</p>

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8. Work progress of the Family Council	11 May 2009	<p>The Administration was requested to provide information on -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the priority of work and work plan of Subcommittee on Family Support; (b) the efforts undertaken by the Family Council in promoting the family-friendly employment practices; (c) the past discussions by the Family Council relating to the integration of family policies and related programmes across different bureaux and departments, and the needs of children as well as the future plan on the above areas; and (d) the past discussions by the Family Council on the specific needs and rights of men in the context of their roles in the family. 	The Administration will follow up the matter.
9. Community support services for ex-mentally ill persons	8 June 2009 11 July 2009	<p>The Administration was requested to -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) make periodic report on the work progress of the Working Group on Mental Health Services; and (b) provide a written response to the views expressed by deputations at the meeting on 11 July 2009. 	The Administration has provided its response to item (b) vide LC Paper No. CB(2)2460/08-09(01) on 8 September 2009.
10. General public's perception of CSSA recipients	11 July 2009 29 July 2009	<p>The Administration was requested to -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) provide a written response to the views expressed by deputations at the meeting on 11 July 2009; and 	The Administration has provided its response to item (a) vide LC Paper No. CB(2)2269/08-09(01) on 28 July 2009.

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		(b) take necessary actions on the motion passed by the Panel at the meeting on 29 July 2009.	
11. Progress report on the Child Development Fund (CDF)	13 July 2009	<p>The Administration was requested to -</p> <p>(a) ascertain from the relevant banks that no administration fee would be charged in respect of CDF accounts;</p> <p>(b) report to the Panel the way forward for CDF after the review of the Steering Committee on CDF;</p> <p>(c) provide the details of the 157 training programmes; and</p> <p>(d) provide further information on the specific plans to use the two-year savings made by the participating children.</p>	The Administration is collating the required information and will revert to the Panel in due course.
12. Professional autonomy of social workers in the provision of subvented community services	28 September 2009	The Administration was requested to take necessary actions on the motion passed by the Panel at the meeting on 28 September 2009.	Response awaited.