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### **Panel on Health Services**

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#### **Specialist Centres for Joint Replacement of the Hospital Authority**

At the special meeting of the Panel on Health Services on 15 October 2010 to receive a briefing from the Secretary for Food and Health on the 2010-2011 Policy Agenda, members noted that the Hospital Authority ("HA") would try to reduce the waiting time for some specialist services, including joint replacement. On 23 February 2011, the Financial Secretary proposed in his 2011-2012 Budget Speech the establishment of an additional specialist centre for joint replacement, which aimed to perform about 400 additional operations each year.

#### **Number of joint replacement surgeries conducted in the Hospital Authority**

2. According to the Administration, about 1 600 total hip / knee replacement surgeries were conducted in HA in 2007-2008 and 2008-2009 respectively. About 1 500 hip / knee replacement surgeries were conducted in HA from April to December 2009.

#### **Specialist centres for joint replacement**

3. In December 2010, a new specialist centre for joint replacement was established at the Hong Kong Buddhist Hospital in the Kowloon Central Cluster to provide hip and knee joint replacement operations, as well as post-operative and rehabilitative care. The specialist centre aimed to perform 750 surgeries a year. Around \$42 million had been allocated for the setting up of the specialist centre and its first year of operation. The additional manpower involved in this specialist centre included two

Consultants, two Medical Residents, two Advanced Practice Nurses, 11 Registered Nurses, one Physiotherapist, five Technical Service Assistants, four Clinical Service Assistants and three General Service Assistants. Patients receiving joint replacement services at the specialist centre would be charged the standard HA fees and charges.

4. To further shorten the waiting time for the specialist services, another specialist centre for joint replacement will be set up at the Yan Chai Hospital ("YCH") in the Kowloon West Cluster to provide integrated surgical treatment and post-operative rehabilitation programmes. According to the Administration's replies to Members' initial written questions during the examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2011-2012, this new specialist centre at YCH would provide around 400 surgeries and follow-up rehabilitation programmes each year. An estimated amount of \$32 million would be required for the establishment of this new specialist centre at YCH and its first year of operation. The additional manpower required for the new specialist centre at YCH would include three Associate Consultants, four Residents Trainees, two Advanced Practice Nurses, 11 Registered Nurses, nine Technical Service Assistants for acute services, two Physiotherapists, two Occupational therapists, one Assistant Social Welfare Officer, and four Technical Service Assistants for the rehabilitation service.

#### Relevant papers

5. A list of the relevant papers on the Legislative Council website is in the **Appendix**.

**Relevant papers on  
Specialist Centre for Joint Replacement of the Hospital Authority**

Committee	Date of meeting	Paper
Finance Committee	24.3.2010 (Session No.2)	<a href="#">Agenda</a> <a href="#">Administration's replies to Members' initial written questions in examining the Estimates of Expenditure 2010-2011</a> (Reply serial no.: FHB(H)029, FHB(H)063, FHB(H)078, FHB(H)114, FHB(H)169 and FHB(H)214)
Panel on Health Services	15.10.2010	<a href="#">Agenda</a>
Finance Committee	25.3.2011 (Session No.4)	<a href="#">Agenda</a> <a href="#">Administration's replies to Members' initial written questions in examining the Estimates of Expenditure 2011-2012</a> (Reply serial no.: FHB(H)092, FHB(H)165, FHB(H)180, FHB(H)181, FHB(H)194, FHB(H)195 and FHB(H)227)