

Panel on Welfare Services

List of follow-up actions
(position as at 8 February 2011)

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 Administration is exploring various options, including upgrading some of the places in subvented residential care homes for the elderly to provide infirmary care. The Administration will report progress in due course.

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2. Progress report on the standardized assessment mechanism for residential services for people with disabilities	21 March 2006	<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.</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 subject matter is followed up by the Subcommittee on Residential and Community Care Services for Persons with Disabilities and the Elderly.</p>

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<p>3. 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 will provide a paper once ready.</p>
<p>4. Integrated Discharge Support Trial Programme for elderly patients ("Programme")</p>	<p>9 November 2009</p>	<p>The Administration was requested to provide -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) a comparison on the number of participating elderly hospital dischargees who could stay at home before and after the launch of the Programme and a breakdown of the patronage of different types of services provided by the Home Support Teams together with the reasons for requiring such services; (b) a detailed review report on the Programme to the Panel upon its completion; and (c) an interim evaluation report on the Programme to the Panel. 	<p>The Administration will brief the Panel on the evaluation results of the Programme in the second quarter of 2011.</p>

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5. Child Fatality Review	12 July 2010	<p>The Administration was requested to provide -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) statistics compiled by the Census and Statistics Department on death cases by different age groups, if available; (b) the attempted and successful cases concerning child suicide which occurred between 2006 and 2010; and (c) the number of meetings held by the Review Panel of the Pilot Project on Child Fatality Review and the progress made in respect of the 47 recommendations made by the Review Panel. 	<p>The Administration will provide the requisite information when the subject is discussed by the Panel at its meeting on 14 February 2011.</p>
6. Annual adjustment of payment rates under the CSSA Scheme and the Social Security Allowance Scheme	8 November 2010	<p>The Administration was requested to provide further information on the components and adjustment mechanism of the Social Security Assistance Index of Prices ("SSAIP"), as well as the adjustment mechanism of rent allowance under the CSSA Scheme, for the purpose of a special meeting to be held on 18 January 2011 to receive views from deputations on the review of the CSSA Scheme.</p>	<p>The Administration has provided the requested information to the Panel vide LC Paper No. CB(2)786/10-11(01) on 11 January 2011.</p>

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<p>7. Government's response to and proposed follow-up action on Equal Opportunities Commission's Formal Investigation Report on Accessibility in Publicly Accessible Premises</p>	<p>13 December 2010</p>	<p>The Administration was requested to provide -</p> <p>(a) the expected commencement and completion dates and implementation details of the retrofitting programme for upgrading the barrier-free facilities in existing Government premises and facilities; and</p> <p>(b) quarterly report on the implementation progress of the retrofitting programme.</p>	<p>The Administration will provide the first quarterly report setting out the implementation progress and details in April 2011.</p>
	<p>22 January 2011</p>	<p>The Administration was requested to incorporate the implementation progress of the retrofitting programme devised by the Housing Department and the Highways Department into the quarterly report mentioned in (b) above as appropriate.</p>	
<p>8. Regularisation and extension of the Neighbourhood Support Child Care Project ("NSCCP")</p>	<p>10 January 2011</p>	<p>The Administration was requested to provide a paper on the insurance plans for the child carers and service users of NSCCP.</p>	<p>The Administration will provide the required information in due course.</p>
<p>9. Review of the CSSA Scheme - SSAIP, rent allowance and related matters</p>	<p>18 January 2011</p>	<p>The Administration was requested to provide further information on the justifications for the findings that there was still room for downward adjustment of the maximum levels of rent allowance ("MRA") by 0.2%, since about 56% of CSSA households living in private housing were paying actual rent higher than MRA.</p>	<p>The Administration has explained, vide LC Paper No. CB(2)786/10-11(01), the MRA adjustment mechanism and the latest position which is based on</p>

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			<p>the movement of the Consumer Price Index (A) rent index for private housing compiled by the Census and Statistics Department.</p> <p>LC Paper No. CB(2)870/10-11(07) further sets out, inter alia, the number of CSSA households in private housing whose actual rent is higher than, equal to or lower than, the MRA. This information was based on statistics obtained separately from the Social Welfare Department's case records.</p>