

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

(Position as at 10 February 2012)

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| 1. 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 ("DH") when conducting inspections on pharmaceutical manufacturers once they were finalised. | The Review Committee on Regulation of Pharmaceutical Products in Hong Kong recommended DH to upgrade Hong Kong's current Good Manufacturing Practices licensing standards by a phased approach to the international standards promulgated by the World Health Organization and Pharmaceutical Inspection Co-operation Scheme ("PIC/S"). DH is in the process of procuring a consultancy service for advice and the inspection checklist would be revised in accordance with the advice of the consultant and submit to the Panel once available. |
| 2. Pilot project on outreach primary dental care services for elderly in residential care homes and day care centres | 10 January 2011 | The Administration was requested to provide after the launch of the pilot project in April 2011 information on - (a) the list of non-governmental organizations providing services under the pilot project; and | The Administration will provide a written response in due course. |

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| | | (b) a breakdown by districts of the number of residential care homes and Day Care Centres for the Elderly receiving the services. | |
| 3. Creation of new directorate posts in DH | 11 April 2011 | The Administration was requested to report on a quarterly or bi-annual basis the progress in taking forward the recommendations of the Review Committee on the Regulation of Pharmaceutical Products in Hong Kong after the establishment of the Office on Drugs. | <p>Upon the creation of the Assistant Director (Drug) and one Chief Pharmacist posts on 1 and 14 September 2011 respectively, the Drug Office was formally set up on 1 September 2011 to take forward the recommendations of the Review Committee on the Regulation of Pharmaceutical Products in Hong Kong.</p> <p>The Administration will report the progress on the recommendations in due course.</p> |
| 4. Improvement on joint replacement surgeries in the Hospital Authority | 13 June 2011 | <p>The Administration was requested to provide the following information -</p> <p>(a) manpower deployment of the two joint replacement centres in the Hong Kong Buddhist Hospital and the Yan Chai Hospital respectively;</p> <p>(b) the respective service demand and capacity of the Kowloon Central</p> | The Administration's response to (a) and (b) was issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(2)235/11-12(01) on 4 November 2011. |

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| | | <p>Cluster and the Kowloon East Cluster for joint replacement surgeries; and</p> <p>(c) the utilization of the additional funding for the setting up of the two joint replacement centres in the Hong Kong Buddhist Hospital and the Yan Chai Hospital in terms of the various cost components such as manpower, equipment, services and facilities.</p> | |
| <p>5. Implementation of hospital accreditation in public hospitals</p> | <p>4 July 2011</p> | <p>The Hospital Authority ("HA") was requested to provide the following information -</p> <p>(a) the breakdown of the additional funding and manpower allocated for the implementation of hospital accreditation by the five public hospitals participated in the pilot scheme of hospital accreditation; and</p> <p>(b) information on whether issues relating to shortage of healthcare manpower were identified in the organization-wide accreditation survey of the Tuen Mun Hospital.</p> | <p>The Administration will provide a response in due course.</p> |

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| 6. Healthcare manpower of HA | 11 July 2011 | <p>HA was requested to provide the following information -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) the healthcare staff establishment of HA, with a breakdown by wards and specialties of the manpower required to take care of a patient and their average work hours, as well as the formulas used by HA for making the healthcare manpower projections;(b) the turnover rate of nurses in HA for the period of April to July 2011;(c) the latest turnover rate of nurses in HA by October 2011; and(d) the passing rate of the Licensing Examination of the Medical Council of Hong Kong in the past few years. | The Administration will provide a response in due course. |
| 7. Financial assistance to needy patients to meet expenses on privately purchased drugs | 14 November 2011 | HA was requested to provide information of the drug assistance schemes currently run by community pharmacies operated by non-governmental organizations or charitable funds in the community to provide financial assistance to needy patients to purchase self-financed drugs in HA's Drug Formulary. | The Administration will provide a response in due course. |

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| 8. Health Protection Scheme | 24 November 2011 | <p>The Administration was requested to provide written explanations and supporting figures on the following -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="898 368 1525 751">(a) given the high fixed cost for the provision of public healthcare services, how the implementation of the Health Protection Scheme, which would facilitate the development of the healthcare services industry, could relieve burden on public healthcare system and reduce public health expenditure;<li data-bbox="898 799 1525 1222">(b) the measures to be put in place to retain talents in the public healthcare sector so that the increase in demand for healthcare services and in turn manpower in the private sector induced by the implementation of the Health Protection Scheme would not lead to brain-drain from the public sector and affect the quality of public healthcare services; and<li data-bbox="898 1270 1525 1390">(c) the role of public sector in the healthcare system and its pros and cons. | <p>The Administration has provided the information in its paper for the meeting on 13 February 2012 under agenda item IV (LC Paper No. CB(2)960/11-12(01))</p> |

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| 9. Pilot project on enhancing radiological investigation services through collaboration with the private sector | 12 December 2011 | The Administration was requested to provide data on the average waiting time of cancer patients for radiological investigation services before and six months after implementation of the pilot project. | The Administration will provide a response in due course. |
| 10. Monitoring of charging policy of private hospitals for obstetric services | 12 December 2011 | The Administration was requested to provide the financial information related to the business of the private hospitals for the past five to ten years. | The Administration's response was issued on 7 February 2012. |
| 11. Handling of medical incidents in public hospitals | 9 January 2012 | HA was requested to provide information on the trend of each category of sentinel and serious untoward events since the implementation of the Advanced Incidents Reporting System in 2004. | The Administration will provide a response in due course. |