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Subcommittee on Poverty

Paper for the meeting on 17 June 2013

Subjects to be discussed at meetings in July and October 2013

Purpose

This paper seeks members' views on subjects to be discussed by the Subcommittee on Poverty ("the Subcommittee") at its meetings in July and October 2013.

Subjects to be discussed at its meetings

2. At the Subcommittee meeting on 24 May 2013, members agreed to discuss the items on "Qualifications framework" and "Support for new-arrivals and single-parent families" at the meeting in July, and hold an additional meeting in July for discussion on the item on "Support for low-income working households which are not on Comprehensive Social Security Assistance". Details of these two meetings are set out in the table below. Moreover, given that there will be a summer recess in August and September, the proposed subjects for members' discussion at its meetings in October 2013 are also set out in the table below.

Date and time of meeting	Proposed subjects for discussion	Remarks
8 July 2013	Support for low-income	At its meeting on 24
(Monday)	working households	May 2013, the
3:30 pm - 6:30 pm	which are not on	Subcommittee agreed to
	Comprehensive Social	discuss this item at the
	Security Assistance	meeting to be held in
	(meeting with	July 2013.
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	Administration)	

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Date and time of meeting	Proposed subjects for discussion	Remarks
9 July 2013 (Tuesday) 2:30 pm - 4:30 pm	Qualifications framework	Item proposed by the Education Bureau. Secretary for Education has indicated that he will join the discussion of this item.
	Support for new-arrivals and single-parent families	At its meeting on 8 May 2013, the Subcommittee agreed to discuss this item at the meeting to be held in July 2013.
October 2013 (Exact date and time to be confirmed)	Support for needy students to participate in extra-curricular and after-school activities	Item proposed by the Education Bureau. Secretary for Education has indicated that he will join the discussion of this item.
	To be advised by members	Subjects pending discussion by the Subcommittee include: Ways to improve the poverty situation through information technology (including the review on the Internet Learning Support Programme), relationship between the public health condition and poverty, social security system, intergenerational poverty (including children and youth in poverty), women in poverty, working poverty and social enterprises.

Advice sought

3. Members are invited to give views on subjects to be discussed by the Subcommittee at its meetings in July and October 2013.

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