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Panel on Welfare Services and Panel on Health Services

Joint Subcommittee on Long-term Care Policy

Minutes of the fifth meeting
held on Tuesday, 23 April 2013, at 10:45 am
in Conference Room 1 of the Legislative Council Complex

Members present : Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Chairman)
Hon TANG Ka-piu (Deputy Chairman)
Hon Albert HO Chun-yan
Hon TAM Yiu-chung, GBS, JP
Dr Hon Joseph LEE Kok-long, SBS, JP
Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che
Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung
Hon CHAN Han-pan
Hon POON Siu-ping, BBS, MH

Members absent : Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung
Hon Ronny TONG Ka-wah, SC
Dr Hon LEUNG Ka-lau
Dr Hon Helena WONG Pik-wan

Members Attending : Hon Steven HO Chun-yin

Public Officers attending : Item I

Mr Stephen SUI
Commissioner for Rehabilitation
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Mr LAM Ka-tai
Assistant Director (Rehabilitation & Medical Social
Services)
Social Welfare Department

Ms Michelle LAM
Chief Social Work Officer (Rehabilitation and Medical
Social Services) 1
Social Welfare Department

**Attendance by : Item I
invitation**

Amity Mutual-Support Society

Mr CHAN Kwok-man
Chairman

Tung Wah Group of Hospitals

Ms KWAN Chui-ping
Supervisor

Democratic Alliance for the Betterment and Progress
of Hong Kong

Ms CHEUNG Fan-lan
Deputy Spokesperson of Welfare Services

Civic Party

Mr Alvin YEUNG
Exco Member

The Parents' Association of Pre-School Handicapped
Children

Ms CHEUNG Kwok-chun
Vice-Chairperson

Hong Kong Joint Council for People with Disabilities /
The Hong Kong Council of Social Service

Ms Winnie CHAN Mei-wa
Officer (Rehabilitation)

Hong Kong Blind Union

Mr WONG Chun-hang
Vice-President

Po Leung Kuk

Mr LAM Muk-kwan
Assistant Principal Social Services Secretary

Labour Party

Mr Wing YIP
Representative

Union of Hong Kong Rehabilitation Agencies
Workshop Instructor

Mr YU Chi-ming
Representative

Forthright Caucus

Ms HO Po-ching
Member

Hong Kong Association for Parents of Persons with
Physical Disabilities

Ms NAM Shuk-yee
Chairman

Hong Kong Association of the Deaf

Mr MAK Hoi-wah
Chairman

The Hong Kong Down Syndrome Association

Mr David CHENG
Director

The Association of Parents of the Severely Mentally Handicapped

Mr LEE Chi-yung
Chairman

Ms CHU Yim-chun

Hong Kong Federation of Handicapped Youth

Ms Portia TSUI
Board Member

嚴重殘疾人士關愛小組

Mr LAW Wai-cheung
Chairman

香港大學社會工作及社會行政學系「特別護理費津貼」關注小組

Miss WONG Tsz-ting
Member

Mr TSANG Kai

1st Step Association

Mr YIP Kin-keung
Organizer

Ms NG Yan-yee

Mr KEUNG Wai-kuen

The Hong Kong Joint Council of Parents of the Mentally Handicapped

Ms YU CHEUNG Pui-lan
Executive Member

**Clerk in
attendance**

: Mr Colin CHUI
Chief Council Secretary (2) 4

Staff in attendance : Miss Karen LAI
Council Secretary (2) 4

Ms Judy TING
Council Secretary (2) 6

Miss Maggie CHIU
Legislative Assistant (2) 4

Action

I. Planning for the provision of home care and community care services for people with disabilities and quality of such services
[LC Paper Nos. CB(2)992/12-13(01) and (02)]

The Joint Subcommittee deliberated (index of proceedings attached at **Annex**).

2. The Joint Subcommittee requested the Administration to provide –
 - (a) information on the notional staffing requirement for non-governmental organizations operating day care and residential care centres including District Support Centres to facilitate the general public in monitoring the staffing provision of the subvented service centres; and
 - (b) a copy of the Handbook on Rehabilitation Services including updates on staffing provision requirements for subvented service centres.

II. Item(s) for discussion at the next meeting
[LC Paper No. CB(2)548/12-13(07)]

3. The Joint Subcommittee agreed that "Support and allowance for carers" would be discussed at the next meeting, and deputations would be invited to give views on the subject matter.

III. Any other business

4. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 1:04 pm.

Action

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**Proceedings of the fifth meeting of the
Joint Subcommittee on Long-term Care Policy
on Tuesday, 23 April 2013, at 10:45 am
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<i>Agenda item 1 – Planning for the provision of home care and community care services for people with disabilities and quality of such services</i>			
000530 - 001014	Chairman Administration	Opening remarks Briefing by the Administration on the various types of subsidized day care and community support services for persons with disabilities being provided by the Administration.	
001015 - 001206	Tung Wah Group of Hospitals Chairman	Views that flexibility should be allowed for district support services to meet the specific needs of persons with disabilities, and it was important to provide psychological and mental health support services for persons with disabilities as well as carers of persons with disabilities.	
001207 - 001517	Democratic Alliance for the Betterment and Progress of Hong Kong Chairman	Views that the Administration should – (a) provide subsidies for incorporated owners of buildings to improve barrier free access facilities; (b) extend the service of Rehabus to remote areas; (c) provide allowances to carers of persons with disabilities; and (d) enhance the support services provided for patients with mental illness.	
001518 - 001553	Amity Mutual-Support Society Chairman	Request for the service of Rehabus be extended to New Territories.	
001554 - 001847	Civic Party Chairman	Presentation of views [LC Paper No. CB(2)1035/12-13(01)] Concerns about the job opportunities of persons with disabilities, and request for the Administration to spearhead the employment of persons with disabilities by assigning a specific number of positions in the civil service to persons with disabilities and requiring subcontractors engaged by the Administration to employ persons with disabilities.	

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001848 - 002202	The Parents' Association of Pre-school Handicapped Children Chairman	Concerns about the possible discontinuation of residential respite service and the inadequacy of day care services for persons with disabilities.	
002203 - 002523	Hong Kong Joint Council for People with Disabilities / The Hong Kong Council of Social Service Chairman	<p>Presentation of views that the Administration should – [LC Paper No. CB(2)1035/12-13(02)]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) tackle the shortage of manpower and premises faced by the welfare sector; (b) clarify whether persons with disabilities aged 60 or above were eligible for the services provided by District Support Centres for Persons with Disabilities ("DSCs"); (c) enhance the flexibility of the support services provided under the Pilot Scheme on Home Care Service for Persons with Severe Disabilities ("the Pilot Scheme"); (d) provide a clear definition for the term "persons with severe disabilities not on the waiting list for residential care services" to eliminate confusion among stakeholders; and (e) conduct population census to collect data on persons with disabilities for the purpose of providing effective welfare services to them. 	
002524 - 002835	Hong Kong Blind Union Chairman	Emphasis on the importance of facilitating persons with visual impairment living independently in the community; and request for the provision of appropriate training for such persons to help them lead an independent life.	
002836 - 003156	Po Leung Kuk Chairman	<p>Views that the Administration should –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) make reference to the relevant experiences of stakeholders in conducting long-term planning on the provision of home care and community care services for persons with disabilities; (b) strengthen the manpower of clinical professionals such as physiotherapists and occupational therapists; and (c) address the shortage of premises faced by service providers. 	
003157 - 003447	Union of Hong Kong Rehabilitation Agencies Workshop	Presentation of views [LC Paper No. CB(2)1035/12-13(04)]	

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	Instructor Chairman	Emphasis on the importance of professionalization of rehabilitation instructors; concerns about the quality of rehabilitation services having regard to the lowering of ranks and salary of rehabilitation instructors; and request for long-term planning of welfare services.	
003448 - 003800	Forthright Caucus Chairman	Presentation of views [LC Paper No. CB(2)1035/12-13(05)] Concerns about the lack of long-term planning of residential care homes for persons with disabilities ("RCHDs"); and suggestions that the Administration should provide long-term residential care services for persons with disabilities who were incapable of looking after themselves, and implement a "case manager" system to facilitate the provision of support services for persons with disabilities living in the community.	
003801 - 004058	Hong Kong Association of the Deaf Chairman	Presentation of views [LC Paper No. CB(2)1035/12-13(07)] (a) sign language interpretation service centres should be set up in different districts to facilitate the provision of support services for persons with hearing impairment; (b) it was important to set the minimum training requirement for staff of service centres in respect of sign language interpretation and culture of persons with hearing impairment; (c) an inspection system should be implemented to ensure the adequate provision of barrier free access facilities; and (d) a voucher scheme for home care and community care services should be introduced to facilitate persons with hearing impairment to choose the services that met their needs.	
004059 - 004308	The Hong Kong Down Syndrome Association Chairman	Suggestions that the Administration should consider providing day care services for ageing persons with down syndrome and help the Hong Kong Down Syndrome Association to find a suitable site for its planned sports and arts development centre.	
004309 - 004623	The Association of Parents of the Severely Mentally Handicapped Chairman	Presentation of views [LC Paper No. CB(2)1035/12-13(08)] The Administration should –	

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		<p>(a) separate the planning of day training services from that of residential care services for mentally handicapped persons to ease the problem of long waiting time for day training places, as the shortage of premises for residential care services would delay the provision of day training places;</p> <p>(b) extend the opening hours of and lower the fees charged by the service centres operating under the Pilot Scheme;</p> <p>(c) address the issues relating to the space of and the services provided by DSCs;</p> <p>(d) continue the residential respite service for children with disabilities aged under 15, and consider setting up special schools for children with disabilities; and</p> <p>(e) provide allowances for carers of persons with disabilities and special care allowance for persons with disabilities to alleviate their financial burden.</p>	
004624 - 004944	Ms CHU Yim-chun Chairman	<p>Presentation of views [LC Paper No. CB(2)1035/12-13(09)]</p> <p>Suggestions on alleviating the problems faced by squint and double vision sufferers which included providing emergency service for ophthalmic treatments and introducing medical vouchers for them to receive complementary treatments; and request for provision of mental wellness services to people in remote areas such as the North District.</p>	
004945 - 005307	香港大學社會工作及社會行政學系「特別護理費津貼」關注小組 Chairman	<p>Presentation of views [LC Paper No. CB(2)1019/12-13(01)]</p> <p>(a) the long-delayed review of the Care and Attention Allowance ("C&A Allowance") provided for tetraplegic patients under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance Scheme ("CSSA") should be carried out as soon as practicable; the review should include increasing the meal allowance for tetraplegic patients and allowing the application for C&A Allowance to be made on family basis; and</p> <p>(b) there was a need to provide sufficient information and guidelines concerning C&A Allowance for the front-line staff of the Social Welfare Department ("SWD") with a view to strengthening their relevant knowledge.</p>	

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005308 - 005620	Labour Party Chairman	<p>Presentation of views [LC Paper No. CB(2)1035/12-13(03)]</p> <p>(a) the provision of support services for persons with disabilities should be spearheaded by the Administration and backed up by families;</p> <p>(b) the Administration should consider the provision of special disability allowance for persons with severe disabilities; and</p> <p>(c) there was a need to increase the support services for persons with disabilities and implement long-term planning on such services.</p>	
005621 - 005839	Hong Kong Association for Parents of Persons with Physical Disabilities Chairman	<p>Presentation of views [LC Paper No. CB(2)1035/12-13(06)]</p> <p>(a) schools attached with boarding section should make full use of their boarding places to provide residential respite service for children with disabilities;</p> <p>(b) RCHDs should continue the provision of residential respite service; and</p> <p>(c) the Administration should increase the number of subsidized places offered by day activity centres ("DACs"), sheltered workshops and RCHDs, and shorten the waiting time for the subsidized places offered by residential care homes for persons with severe physical disabilities and by care and attention homes for persons with severe disabilities.</p>	
005840 - 010202	Hong Kong Federation of Handicapped Youth Chairman	<p>Presentation of views [LC Paper No. CB(2)992/12-13(03)]</p> <p>(a) targets for increasing RCHD places should be set with a view to shortening the waiting time for such places;</p> <p>(b) consideration should be given to setting up RCHDs in newly built public housing;</p> <p>(c) the scheme of buying places from private RCHDs should be expanded; and</p> <p>(d) "Residential care home vouchers" should be introduced to realize the concept of "money follows the users".</p>	

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010203 - 010534	嚴重殘疾人士關愛小組 Chairman	Views that the Administration should provide 24-hour service of home-based personal care under the Pilot Scheme, as the existing service was limited and did not fully meet the needs of those persons with disabilities who chose to live independently in the community; and request for the Administration to allow persons with disabilities to participate in the formulation of policies.	
010535 - 010920	Mr TSANG Kai Chairman	Views on the assistance programme of Special Care Subsidy for the Severely Disabled under the Community Care Fund ("CCF") that – (a) the monthly subsidy amount should be increased from \$2,000 to at least \$3,000; (b) the income limit of a household set for the assistance programme should be drawn at 150% but not 100% of the median monthly domestic household income; and (c) the age requirement for the applicants to be below 60 should be removed to expand the coverage of the assistance programme to persons with severe disabilities aged over 60.	
010921 - 011253	1st Step Association Chairman	Suggestions that - (a) the requirement that CSSA and CCF subsidies had to be applied on a family basis should be relaxed so as to allow persons with disabilities to receive subsidies while living with their family members; (b) additional financial support should be provided for persons with disabilities to employ carers to look after them; (c) the Administration should attach importance to the well-being of those persons with disabilities who were not recipients of CSSA; and (d) special allowance should be granted to carers of persons with disabilities.	
011254 - 011735	Ms NG Yan-yee Chairman	Presentation of views that - (a) the support services provided by the 16 DSCs did not live up to expectations, as some of the staff of these centres did not have the knowledge to look after persons with visual and hearing impairments;	

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		<p>(b) the opening hours of the 16 DSCs should be extended;</p> <p>(c) the age limit set for the Day Care Service for persons with severe disabilities should be removed to enable those aged 60 and above to benefit from the services; and</p> <p>(d) consideration should be given to building more DSCs in the district of Tseung Kwan O having regard to the large number of persons with disabilities living in the area.</p>	
011736 - 012058	Mr KEUNG Wai-kuen Chairman	<p>Presentation of views that –</p> <p>(a) the Administration should provide more resources for service providers to improve their manning scale and manpower shortage; and</p> <p>(b) it was important to regularize the training programmes for rehabilitation instructors.</p>	
012059 - 012513	The Hong Kong Joint Council of Parents of the Mentally Handicapped Chairman	<p>Request for the Administration to increase the places offered by DACs and sheltered workshops to enable more persons with intellectual disabilities to receive training, thereby relieving their parents of the burden of looking after them.</p>	
012514 - 014427	Chairman Administration	<p>The Administration's response that –</p> <p>(a) the major challenges for increased supply of day training and residential care places were the lack of suitable premises/sites and the shortage of manpower;</p> <p>(b) while striving to identify more suitable premises/sites in new development / redevelopment projects, the Administration was also actively exploring with NGOs to make better use of the land they owned through redevelopment or in-situ expansion with a view to setting up service centres for elderly care and rehabilitation services;</p> <p>(c) the number of residential care places would be increased by 566 in the 2013-2014 financial year, and further increased by some 2 100 until the 2017-2018 financial year;</p> <p>(d) the number of day training places would be increased by 426 in the 2013-2014 financial year, and further increased by some 1 600 until the 2017-2018 financial year;</p>	

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		<p>(e) on the supply of manpower, the Administration had conducted a review of the paramedical manpower status of the welfare sector about two years ago and informed the University Grants Committee ("UGC") of the review findings for the purpose of introducing courses and programmes that matched the manpower demand of the welfare sector;</p> <p>(f) with the support of UGC, the student intakes of Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Physiotherapy and Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Occupational Therapy programmes had been increased from 70 to 110 and 46 to 90 places respectively;</p> <p>(g) SWD also subsidized applicants from the welfare sector to join the two-year entry level Master in Occupational Therapy programme and the two-year entry level Master in Physiotherapy programme run by the Hong Kong Polytechnic University ("PolyU"), each with some 30 students graduating in January 2014 who had undertaken to work in the welfare sector for at least two years after graduation;</p> <p>(h) as regards the Enrolled Nurse Training Programme for the welfare sector, a total of 12 classes had since 2006 been launched providing some 1 500 training places and some 1 200 additional training places would be provided in the next five years;</p> <p>(i) SWD recognized the demand for residential respite service and would continue the provision of such service; there were currently 270 residential respite places offered by 97 RCHDs, including 148 places for children with disabilities aged from 6 to 14;</p> <p>(j) CCF launched two assistance programmes, namely the Special Care Subsidy for the Severely Disabled and Special Subsidy to Persons with Severe Physical Disabilities for Renting Respiratory Support Medical Equipment, targeting those who were not living on CSSA;</p> <p>(k) SWD had been collaborating with the Hospital Authority to develop a case management-oriented service programme to provide continued assistance to persons with severe physical disabilities requiring</p>	

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		<p>respiratory equipment;</p> <p>(l) the upgrading of barrier free access facilities at government buildings and public housing was underway, with 90% of the works of some 3 500 government venues and 245 housing estates under the retrofitting programme completed in mid-2012 and the rest to be completed by mid-2014;</p> <p>(m) assistance schemes were already in place to provide subsidies for owners of private housing to improve their barrier free access facilities;</p> <p>(n) the number of Rehabus had been increased by six to 135, and the service covered remote areas;</p> <p>(o) the Labour Department had introduced the Work Orientation and Placement Scheme to facilitate open employment of persons with disabilities in which the financial incentive for employers of persons with disabilities had been enhanced. SWD would also introduce a scheme to provide a subsidy for employers to procure assistive equipment and carrying out workplace modifications to enable their employees with disabilities to discharge their duties;</p> <p>(p) in consultation with the Special Needs Groups Task Force under the Commission on Poverty, the Administration would develop further proposals to promote the employment of persons with disabilities;</p> <p>(q) there would be an increase of 2 016 training places by the 2017-2018 financial year, with 1 036 to be allotted to DACs and 980 to sheltered workshops and integrated vocational rehabilitation services centres;</p> <p>(r) only one of the 16 DSCs had yet to secure permanent premises; nevertheless, it had been operating on rented premises in a commercial building with rental subsidies provided by SWD;</p> <p>(s) DSCs were required to operate for 48 hours per week, with the opening hours set according to their specific circumstances;</p> <p>(t) the Administration would continue to consult stakeholders and collaborate with the service</p>	

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		<p>operators to strive for continuous improvement in the services of DSCs;</p> <p>(u) the DAC at Tai Po and North planned to carry out in-situ expansion to increase 30 additional training places in the current financial year, providing service for persons with disabilities living in the community; vehicle for transporting service users would be provided for this DAC;</p> <p>(v) a new DAC cum Hostel for Severely Mentally Handicapped Persons in Tin Ching Estate, Tin Shui Wai, providing 50 training places for persons with disabilities living in the community, would come into operation in the first quarter of 2014; vehicle for transporting service users would be provided for this new DAC;</p> <p>(w) of the 16 Social and Recreational Centres for the disabled, four provided specific services for persons with visual and hearing impairment; sign language training programmes were also arranged by these centres;</p> <p>(x) the Administration welcomed the views of the stakeholders on the regularization of the Pilot Scheme; and</p> <p>(y) the Administration undertook to study the views given at the meeting and presented in the written submissions.</p>	
014428 – 014452	Administration Chairman	Extension of meeting for fifteen minutes beyond the appointed ending time by the Chairman	
014453 – 014907	Mr CHEUNG Kwok-che Chairman	<p>Mr CHEUNG Kwok-che's views that –</p> <p>(a) the inadequacy of day care and residential care places for persons with disabilities was a long-standing concern;</p> <p>(b) the places offered by DSCs and Integrated Community Centres for Mental Wellness, for example, were insufficient, while the staff of these service centres spent considerable time and efforts to provide a large amount of services for service users; and</p> <p>(c) the Administration should clarify the situation where certain service centres no longer allowed new applicants to be placed on their waiting lists, and whether it was the</p>	

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		Administration's decision or that of the service centres concerned to impose the restriction.	
014908 – 015317	Dr Joseph LEE Chairman Administration	<p>Dr Joseph LEE's view that given the prevalent low salary and insufficient manpower of the welfare sector, there was a need for the Administration to monitor the usage of the grants provided to NGOs under the Lump Sum Grant ("LSG") subvention system to ensure that an appropriate portion of the grants was spent on manpower provision and staff salary, and look into issues relating to staff promotion and career prospect with a view to retaining a stable workforce.</p> <p>The Administration's response that subvented NGOs were required to comply with the provisions under the "essential service requirements" of the Funding and Service Agreements. SWD monitored NGOs' operations by, among others, making ad hoc spot checks or pre-arranged visits. SWD also reviewed the overall service effectiveness of NGOs by collecting views from service users.</p>	
015318 – 015902	Mr TANG Ka-piu Chairman Administration	<p>Mr TANG Ka-piu's views that –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) there was a need for the Joint Subcommittee or the Panel on Welfare Services to follow up the issues relating to the employment opportunities of persons with disabilities; (b) it was necessary to set up a DSC in the district of Tung Chung to save persons with disabilities from travelling to urban areas to receive services; (c) for the 15 DSCs that had secured permanent premises, the Administration should provide information on how many of them did not meet the requirement of standard internal floor area, and how the Administration would render assistance to the remaining DSC to find permanent premises; (d) the Administration should conduct a census to obtain the relevant details of persons with intellectual disabilities; and (e) given the regularization of the Pilot Scheme and the continuation of the residential respite service, the Administration should provide information on how it prepared for the possible further shortage of manpower. 	

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		<p>The Administration's response –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) while statistics of persons with intellectual disabilities had been collected in the 2006-2007 Census, because of the sensitivity of the data, the Census and Statistics Department (C&SD) considered that there was under-reporting and the data collected were not reliable; (b) a new round of survey was underway. To ensure the accuracy and reliability of the census data, C&SD had provided training to staff and improved the design of the questions; (c) the relevant results of the survey would be publicized next year; (d) with regard to the Master programmes in Physiotherapy and Occupational Therapy offered by PolyU in January 2012, SWD had implemented a training sponsorship scheme to provide funding support to NGOs for sponsoring the tuition fees of students enrolled in these programmes; students were required to serve at the relevant NGOs for no less than two years upon graduation; (e) the remaining DSC that had yet to find a permanent premises would consider providing its services at two separate premises in different locations, given its wide scope of service area; and (f) while some of the DSCs did not meet the requirement of standard internal floor area, the area shortfall was not significant. 	
015903 – 020319	Mr POON Siu-ping Chairman Administration	<p>Mr POON Siu-ping's concern about the small number of service users (i.e. 3 250 persons) estimated to be benefitting from the home care services under the Pilot Scheme after its regularization in March 2014, given the large number of people waiting for subvented residential care service.</p> <p>The Administration's response that the existing Pilot Scheme covered four districts with a total capacity of 540, and had so far served a total of 460 persons with severe disabilities. Under the regularized Pilot Scheme, the targeted users would be persons with severe disabilities in all districts, irrespective of whether they were on the waiting list for subvented residential care service.</p>	

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		<p>According to the experience of the Pilot Scheme, not all the persons with severe disabilities on the waiting list for subvented residential care service required the home care services under the Pilot Scheme.</p>	
020320 – 020712	Mr TAM Yiu-chung Chairman Administration	<p>Mr TAM Yiu-chung's concerns and suggestions that –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) users of electric wheelchairs were concerned about uneven road surface as it might cause bodily injury to them; (b) consideration should be given to adopting a medical voucher scheme for persons with disabilities to facilitate their choice of medical services; (c) barrier-free access facilities at the Sam Shing Estate of Tuen Mun should be enhanced; and (d) it was important to ensure the service of Rehabus be extended to remote areas. <p>The Administration's responses that -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the service of Rehabus had been extended to all districts, including remote areas; the Administration was willing to address the specific problems encountered by users of Rehabus; and (b) views on the uneven road surface, implementation of medical voucher scheme for persons with disabilities and the enhancement of barrier free access facilities at Sam Shing Estate would be conveyed to the relevant government departments / parties for their consideration. 	
020713 – 021135	Chairman Administration	<p>The Chairman's views that –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) given the long waiting time for the training places in DACs and sheltered workshops, i.e. six to seven years, it was important for the Administration to set specific targets to reduce such waiting time; and (b) having regard to the requirements set under the Pilot Scheme, i.e. the requirement of SWD's referral for use of services, it was necessary for the Administration to enhance the flexibility of services, solicit the views of service users and conduct a review of the Pilot Scheme. 	

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		centres for reference by the Joint Subcommittee.	
021509 – 021619	Mr TANG Ka-piu Chairman Administration	Mr TANG Ka-piu's suggestion that in order to identify suitable premises for setting up DSCs in the district of Tung Chung, the Administration should seek assistance from property organizations such as The Link Management Limited.	
021620 – 021758	The Hong Kong Joint Council of Parents of the Mentally Handicapped Chairman	Views that the Administration should further consider the some 40 premises previously proposed by the Hong Kong Joint Council of Parents of the Mentally Handicapped for the construction of residential care homes.	
021759 – 021938	Chairman Administration	The Chairman's remark that the Joint Subcommittee would study issues relating to the ageing of persons with disabilities as a committee set up by SWD was also looking into the problem and would soon publish its study report.	
<i>Agenda item II – Item(s) for discussion at the next meeting</i>			
021939 – 022017	Chairman	Members' agreement that "Support and allowance for carers" would be discussed at the next meeting, and deputations would be invited to give views on the subject matter.	

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