

Panel on Welfare Services

List of follow-up actions
(position as at 15 February 2013)

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 the progress in due course.
2. Assistance to elderly not receiving Comprehensive Social Security Assistance	8 June 2006	The Administration was requested to – (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 Mandatory Provident Fund contributions, say 50%, to a pool for distribution to the current cohort of elders, on the understanding that they too would receive a monthly sum of some \$2,500 in their old age.	The Administration will introduce a new Old Age Living Allowance of \$2,200 per month as an additional form of financial assistance for Hong Kong elders aged 65 or above who have insufficient means for a living and are in need of support. The Administration is conducting a study on

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			retirement protection in Hong Kong.
3. Old Age Living Allowance ("OALA")	12 November 2012	The Administration undertook to review OALA one year after its implementation and report the outcome of the review to the Panel.	The Administration will report the outcome of the review in due course.
4. Setting up of two rehabilitation service facilities for persons with disabilities ("PWDs") in Shek Kip Mei and Tin Shui Wai	10 December 2012	<p>The Administration was requested to provide the following information before submitting the relevant funding proposal to the Finance Committee –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) measures to be taken by the Administration to increase the supply and shorten the waiting time for residential care places for PWDs and the planned provision of such places in the coming ten years; (b) a breakdown of the supply of residential care and day training places for PWDs as well as the planned provision of these services in all 18 districts in the next five years; (c) a breakdown of the latest waitlisting situation of hostel places for the moderately mentally handicapped persons ("MHPs") and severely MHPs respectively, the existing demand and future provision of such places for each district; and (d) the birth rate of MHPs in Hong Kong and whether 	The Administration has provided the requisite information to the Panel vide LC Paper No. CB(2)523/12-13(01) on 18 January 2013.

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		there was a decrease in such birth rate in recent years.	
5. Progress on the implementation of the licensing scheme for residential care homes for persons with disabilities ("RCHDs") and related complementary measures	14 January 2013	<p>The Administration was requested to provide information on –</p> <p>(a) the number of RCHDs which had not applied for a licence/certificate of exemption ("CoE") by the end of the grace period (i.e. 17 May 2013) and the reasons; and</p> <p>(b) the status of the applications of licences/CoE by RCHDs by the end of the grace period.</p>	The Administration will provide the required information in due course.
6. Welfare services to support the victims of domestic violence and their families	14 January 2013	The Administration was requested to provide a written response to the views and concerns expressed by members and deputations on the subject matter before the next Panel meeting scheduled for 19 February 2013.	The Administration will provide the required information in due course.
7. Briefings by the Secretary for Labour and Welfare and the Secretary for Home Affairs on the Chief Executive's 2013 Policy Address	21 January 2013	<p>The Administration was requested to provide information on –</p> <p>(a) the supply and demand for residential care services and community care services including day care services and home-based care services in the next five years;</p> <p>(b) of the 1 700 new residential care places to be provided up to 2014-2015, the number of places</p>	The Administration's response to (c) was circulated to members vide LC Paper No. CB(2)432/12-13(01) on 3 January 2013. The Administration will provide the rest of the required information in due course.

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		<p>to be provided by private residential care homes ("RCHs") participated in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme and subvented RCHs respectively and their locations;</p> <p>(c) locations of the 11 development projects earmarked for the construction of new RCHs for the elderly;</p> <p>(d) the Administration's support for those living below the poverty line set by the Commission on Poverty and steps to be taken by the Administration to address the problem of inter-generational poverty;</p> <p>(e) new measures to be adopted and new resources to be allocated by the Administration to prevent and tackle domestic violence so as to live up to its zero-tolerance approach for domestic violence and tie in with the three-pronged strategy;</p> <p>(f) a list of social welfare problems existed in the community in the absence of social welfare planning since mid-1990s;</p> <p>(g) in respect of releasing the labour force of women who could not go to work because they had to take care of their families –</p> <p>(i) whether the Administration would consider</p>	

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		<p>extending the service hour of after-school learning support to 7 pm or 8 pm; and</p> <p>(ii) how the core values promulgated by the Family Council would help in this regard and the details on these values; and</p> <p>(h) the outcome of the Administration's discussion with the welfare sector on measures to meet the sector's demand for front-line care staff.</p>	

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