

**Panel on Welfare Services**

**List of follow-up actions**  
(position as at 16 October 2012)

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Date of meeting</b>	<b>Follow-up action required</b>	<b>Administration's response</b>
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. Progress report on the standardized assessment mechanism for residential services for persons with disabilities	21 March 2006	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 ("the Review Working Group") and to increase the number of representatives from parents' groups in the Review Working Group.	The Administration has included a representative from HKCSS and invited representatives from parents' groups to the Task Group for Review of the Assessment Tool of the Standardized Assessment Mechanism for Residential Services for People with Disabilities set up in March 2011.

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3. 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 announced on 16 July 2012 that a new Old Age Living Allowance of \$2,200 per month would be introduced as an additional form of financial assistance for Hong Kong elders aged 65 or above who had insufficient means for a living and were in need of support.  The Administration is conducting a study on retirement protection in Hong Kong.