Panel on Welfare Services

List of follow-up actions (position as at 4 December 2012)

	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 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.

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				The Administration is conducting a study on retirement protection in Hong Kong.
3.	Construction of a contract residential care home for the elderly ("RCHE") cum day care unit ("DCU") and a day care centre for the elderly ("DE") in Long Ping	12 November 2012	 The Administration was requested to provide the following information – (a) measures to be taken by the Administration to address the disproportionate provision of nursing home ("NH") places and care-and-attention ("C&A") places; (b) whether the Administration would rely mainly on purchasing C&A places from private RCHEs to meet the demand for C&A places, and how the Administration would ensure these private homes could meet the needs of elderly who required special care services e.g. elderly with dementia; (c) a detailed breakdown of the recurrent expenditures with staff establishment for the proposed RCHE with DCU and DE; (d) details of the 11 development projects earmarked for the construction of new RCHEs (with/without DEs/DCUs); (e) the categories including the number of places under each category and locations of the 1700 	The Administration will provide the required information in due course.

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			additional residential care places to be provided up to 2014-2015; and	
			(f) justifications for locating the proposed RCHE with DCU and DE near a bus terminus.	
4.	Annual adjustment of payment rates under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance ("CSSA") Scheme and the Social Security Allowance Scheme	12 November 2012	The Administration was requested to provide the total number of households which were paying actual rental higher than the maximum levels of rent allowance under the CSSA Scheme and the size of these households.	The Administration will provide the required information in due course.
5.	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.

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