

**Panel on Financial Affairs**

**Follow-up actions arising from the special meeting on  
29 January 2014**

**Estimated recurrent expenditure on key initiatives relating to  
“Poverty Alleviation, Care for the Elderly and Support for the Disadvantaged”  
in the 2014 Policy Address**

(full-year recurrent and time-limited recurrent expenditure)

	<b><u>Annual/Total Amount</u> \$m</b>
*1. Introduce Low-income Working Family Allowance	3,000
*2. Regularise Community Care Fund programmes	781
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• increase the grants for school-related expenses for primary and secondary students of CSSA families as well as those under the School Textbook Assistance Scheme</li> <li>• provide rent allowance for CSSA recipients who have been Tenants Purchase Scheme flat owners for more than five years</li> <li>• provide a training subsidy for children with disabilities from low-income families, allowing them to pay for self-financing services while they are on the waiting list for subvented pre-school services</li> <li>• provide a subsidy for persons with severe physical disabilities living in the community to cover their expenses on medical equipment and consumables; and for one-stop integrated support services co-ordinated by case managers in accordance with their needs</li> <li>• provide free lunch at schools for primary students receiving a full grant under the student financial assistance schemes</li> <li>• enhance financial assistance for needy students pursuing eligible programmes below sub-degree level</li> </ul>	

	<b>Annual/Total <u>Amount</u> \$m</b>
*3. Increase subsidised residential care places for the elderly, extend continuum of care to subsidised nursing home places, increase subsidised community care services places for the elderly and improve services of elderly centres	436
#4. Earmark \$800 million for a residential care service voucher pilot scheme with a total of 3 000 vouchers in three phases from 2015-16 to 2017-18	800
*5. Double the annual voucher amount of the Elderly Health Care Voucher Scheme to \$2,000	582
*6. Enhance support to ethnic minorities	250
• provide comprehensive support to non-Chinese speaking (NCS) students in learning the Chinese Language which includes among others:	
(a) provide a "Chinese Language Curriculum Second Language Learning Framework" starting from 2014/15 school year for NCS primary and secondary students with supporting learning and teaching materials to facilitate their effective learning of Chinese as a second language with a view to enabling them to bridge over to mainstream Chinese language classes	
(b) provide an Applied Learning (Chinese Language) subject at senior secondary levels to be pegged at Levels 1 to 3 of the Qualifications Framework as an alternative qualification for NCS students in order to enhance their employability	
(c) provide enhanced funding support to schools to facilitate implementation of the aforesaid Learning Framework from 2014/15 school year with monitoring and evaluation	

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- establish a new service centre in Kwai Tsing to strengthen community support and expand the outreach service through recruiting more ethnic minority residents
  - encourage integration into the community through joining the Junior Police Call
- \*7. Implement a series of measures to strengthen education, training, care and support for persons with disabilities including:
- upgrade the Commissioner for Rehabilitation's ranking and strengthen the establishment of the Commission's team to enhance co-ordination among various bureaux and departments
  - provide additional teacher assistants for schools for children with disability, reduce the class size, increase the staff of the boarding section of special schools and provide additional grant for special schools to enhance support for boarders with complex medical conditions
  - regularise the Pilot Bought Place Scheme for Private Residential Care Homes for Persons with Disabilities, with the cap of subsidised places in each home raised to 70%
  - raise the incentive payment in Sheltered Workshops and Integrated Vocational Rehabilitation Services Centres; and increase funding support for District Support Centres for Persons with Disabilities, self-help organisations, sign language interpretation services as well as short-term day and residential care services
  - increase funding support for day training centres to enhance care and support for ageing service users
  - increase the level of the Learning Support Grant by 30% in the 2014/15 school year to better support students with special educational needs in ordinary schools
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Amount  
\$m**

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• increase places for rehabilitation services, including pre-school, vocational rehabilitation and residential care services</li></ul>	
*8.	Extend the Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities to eligible children with disabilities under the age of 12 and to extend the scheme to green minibuses in phases	176
*9.	Increase annual recurrent funding for NGOs under the Lump Sum Grant Subvention System	470
#10.	Expand “first-hire-then-train” pilot scheme and extend it to cover rehabilitation services and provide an additional 1 000 places in the coming few years for recruiting young people to provide care services for the elderly and rehabilitation facilities	147
	<b>Total</b>	<b>7,041</b>

\* Full-year amount for recurrent initiatives.

# Total amount for time-limited recurrent initiatives.