Panel on Health Services

List of follow-up actions
(Position as at 14 January 2014)

Subject	Date of meeting	Follow-up action required	Administration's response
1. Regulation and control of pharmaceutical products in Hong Kong	31 March 2009	The Administration was requested to provide the revised checklist used by the inspectors of the Department of Health ("DH") when conducting inspections on pharmaceutical manufacturers once they were finalised.	The Review Committee on Regulation of Pharmaceutical Products in Hong Kong recommended DH in January 2010 to upgrade Hong Kong's current Good Manufacturing Practices ("GMP") licensing standards by a phased approach to the international standards promulgated by the World Health Organization and Pharmaceutical Inspection Co-operation Scheme ("PIC/S"). On DH's invitation, PIC/S conducted a gap assessment between the standards of GMP and PIC/S in end-2010. DH procured a consultancy service in July 2012 for advice on upgrading the current GMP licensing standards to PIC/S standards. It is expected that the consultancy will be completed in 2014. The inspection checklist will be revised in accordance with the advice of the consultant and submitted to the Panel once available.

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2. Creation of new directorate posts in DH	11 April 2011	The Administration was requested to report on a quarterly or bi-annual basis the progress in taking forward the recommendations of the Review Committee on the Regulation of Pharmaceutical Products in Hong Kong after the establishment of the Office on Drugs.	The Assistant Director (Drug) and one Chief Pharmacist posts were created on 1 and 14 September 2011 respectively for the setting up of the Drug Office to take forward the recommendations of the Review Committee on the Regulation of Pharmaceutical Products in Hong Kong ("Review Committee"). The Administration consulted the Panel on 18 November 2013 in relation to the legislative proposals to implement some of the Review Committee's recommendations, which sought to enhance the regulation of pharmaceutical products. The Administration also attended a special meeting of the Panel on 10 December 2013 to exchange views with deputations on the legislative proposals. The Administration planned to introduce the legislative proposals into the Legislative Council in the first half of 2014.

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3. Pilot project on enhancing radiological investigation services through collaboration with the private sector	12 December 2011	The Administration was requested to provide data on the average waiting time of cancer patients for radiological investigation services before and six months after implementation of the pilot project.	The Administration will provide a response in due course.
4. Waiting time management for Specialist Outpatient Clinics in HA	17 June 2013	The Administration/HA was requested to provide details on HA's internal allocation system for funding hospital clusters.	The Administration will provide a paper in response to the Panel's agenda item on "Resources allocation among hospital clusters by the Hospital Authority" at its meeting on 20 January 2014. The paper will address the follow-up action herein.
5. Dental care policy and services for the elderly and interim review on the Pilot Project on Outreach Primary Dental Care Services for the Elderly in Residential Care Homes and Day Care Centres	17 June 2013	The Administration was requested to provide the report of the second Oral Health Survey ("OHS") when available.	The Administration has briefed members on the major findings of OHS 2011 at the Panel meeting on 16 December 2013, details of which are set out in paragraphs 23 to 34 of the Administration's paper (LC Paper No. CB(2)477/13-14(03)). The Chinese version of the hard copies of the report of OHS 2011 were despatched to members on 30 December 2013.

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6. An overview of the re-development and expansion plans of public hospitals	15 July 2013	The Administration was requested to provide a breakdown of the catchment population, the number of beds per 1 000 population, the range of services (including those services that had yet been provided because of manpower constraint or other reasons, and the respective proportion of services provided to patients within and outside the catchment area of the hospital cluster concerned), the manpower shortfall of doctors and nurses, as well as the anticipated changes in the above areas for the next fifteen years (at five-year intervals), by hospital clusters.	The Administration will provide a response in due course.
7. Regulation of medical beauty treatments or procedures	18 November 2013	The Administration was requested to provide the respective number of enforcement actions taken in the past five years under the Medical Registration Ordinance (Cap. 161) and the Dentists Registration Ordinance (Cap. 156) against persons who practised medicine/surgery or dentistry without registration.	The Administration's response was issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(2)532/13-14(01) on 19 December 2013.

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8. Measures in prevention and control of invasive pneumococcal disease	2 December 2013	The Administration was requested to provide scientific data to explain the difference in the risk of infecting invasive pneumococcal disease caused by serotypes covered by 13-valent pneumococcal conjugate vaccine ("PCV") but not 7-valent PCV or 10-valent PCV if children aged under five years old received the booster dose of 13-valent PCV in late instead of early December 2013.	The Administration's response was issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(2)657/13-14(01) on 13 January 2014.
9. Dental care policy and services for the elderly and people with disabilities	16 December 2013	The Administration was requested to provide information on - (a) the financial implications for increasing the number of government dental clinics to cover all 18 districts in the territory and expanding the scope of services of the clinics to include oral check-up and other curative treatments (e.g. fillings) for the general public; (b) a comparison of the amount of public expenditure on dental care services and its percentage share in public health expenditure in Hong	The Administration will provide a response in due course.

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		Kong and that of other developed countries such as the United States and major European countries; (c) the oral health conditions (in terms of tooth loss and decay experience) of institutionalized older persons aged 65 and above as captured by OHS 2001 and OHS 2011; and (d) whether non-institutionalized older persons aged 75 and above and people with disabilities were covered by OHS 2011, and if not, the reasons for that.	
10. Regulation of pesticide residues in Chinese herbal medicines	16 December 2013	The Administration was requested to provide information on - (a) a list of the types of Chinese herbal medicines collected by DH from the market for testing by the Government Laboratory ("GL") in the past 12 months, including information on those samples which had been found to contain pesticide residues in the first-stage test;	The Administration will provide a response in due course.

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		(b) the rationale for setting the number of samples of Chinese herbal medicines collected by DH every month for testing by GL at the level of around 30 samples; and (c) the reason why DH used the safety reference values of Acceptable Daily Intake for pesticide instead of the Maximum Residue Limits as the standard for assessing the safety of Chinese herbal medicines.	
11. Recommendations of the Working Group on Differentiation between Medical Procedures and Beauty Services	23 December 2013	The Administration was requested to provide the statistics of various enforcement actions taken under the Undesirable Medical Advertisement Ordinance (Cap. 231) in the past five years.	The Administration will provide a response in due course.

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