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Panel on Health Services

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Refurbishment of Hong Kong Buddhist Hospital

The subject of refurbishment of Hong Kong Buddhist Hospital ("HKBH") has not been discussed by the Panel on Health Services ("the Panel"). According to the forecast of submissions for the 2008-2009 legislative session provided by the Administration to the Public Works Subcommittee ("PWSC") in October 2008, the proposed project for the reimbursement of HKBH was originally scheduled to commence in the fourth quarter of 2009 for completion in the second quarter of 2011. The submission was later withheld as the Hospital Authority required more time to review the cost estimate of the project.

2. Subsequently, the Administration planned to submit the proposed project to PWSC for consideration in the 2012-2013 legislative session. According to the Administration, the proposed scope of the project comprised (a) refurbishment of three inpatient wards and the associated facilities and installations; (b) conversion of two floors of Block C for day rehabilitation, geriatric day services and pilot integrative medicine in palliative care; (c) construction of a covered link bridge between Blocks B and C; (d) refurbishment of the departments, offices and ancillary facilities to meet current standards; (e) re-paving of the access road within the hospital compound; (f) repairing of existing fence wall, provision of access control for car park and boundary closed circuit television surveillance system; and (g) installation of fire services sprinkler systems for Blocks A and B and modification of sprinklers in Block C. According to the Administration, the proposed project was however not submitted to PWSC as planned as more time was required to finalize the project scope and programme to better cater for service need.

3. At the Panel meeting on 15 July 2013, in the context of receiving a briefing from the Administration on the re-development and expansion plans of public hospitals, members noted that the Administration would take the opportunity of carrying out a major refurbishment of HKBH to provide 130 additional convalescent and rehabilitation beds in the Hospital so as to strengthen longer-term care and rehabilitation services for elderly patients suffering from chronic diseases. According to the forecast of submissions for the 2013-2014 legislative session provided by the Administration to PWSC in November 2013, the proposed scope of the project has been revised to include the following changes and additional works: (a) refurbishment of 11 inpatient wards (instead of three inpatient wards as originally planned) and the associated facilities and installations; (b) conversion of 6/F of Blocks A and B into inpatient wards to accommodate additional inpatient beds and refurbishment of Block D for re-provisioning of existing facilities on 6/F; (c) construction of a covered walkway at ground level between Blocks A and D; and (d) provision of a new lift tower with two bed passenger lifts at South Wing.
4. According to the Administration, as at March 2014, the estimated cost for the proposed project is in the order of \$480 million in money-of-the-day prices. Subject to funding approval, the project is expected to commence in 2014 for completion in 2018.
5. A list of the relevant papers on the Legislative Council website is in the **Appendix**.

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Relevant papers on the refurbishment of Hong Kong Buddhist Hospital

Committee	Date of meeting	Paper
Public Works Subcommittee	7.11.2008	Forecast of submissions for the 2008-2009 legislative session
Public Works Subcommittee	8.7.2009*	Year-end report on submissions to Public Works Subcommittee for the 2008-2009 legislative session
Public Works Subcommittee	28.11.2012	Forecast of submissions for the 2012-2013 legislative session
Panel on Health Services	15.7.2013 (Item II)	Agenda Minutes
Public Works Subcommittee	25.7.2013*	Year-end report on submissions to Public Works Subcommittee for the 2012-2013 legislative session
Public Works Subcommittee	27.11.2013	Forecast of submissions for the 2013-2014 legislative session
Legislative Council	19.3.2014	Official Record of Proceedings (Question 4)
Finance Committee	4.4.2014 (Session No. 7)	Agenda Administration's replies to Members' initial written questions during the examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2014-2015 (Reply serial no.: FHB(H)046)

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