

立法會
Legislative Council

LC Paper No. CB(2)254/14-15

(These minutes have been
seen by the Administration)

Ref : CB2/PS/1/12

Panel on Welfare Services and Panel on Health Services

Joint Subcommittee on Long-term Care Policy

**Minutes of the sixteenth meeting
held on Monday, 26 May 2014, at 2:30 pm
in Conference Room 1 of the Legislative Council Complex**

Members Present : Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Chairman)
Hon TANG Ka-piu (Deputy Chairman)
Hon TAM Yiu-chung, GBS, JP
Prof Hon Joseph LEE Kok-long, SBS, JP, PhD, RN
Hon Ronny TONG Ka-wah, SC
Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che
Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung
Hon POON Siu-ping, BBS, MH

Member absent Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung

Public Officers Attending : Item I

Mrs Elina CHAN
Principal Assistant Secretary for Labour and Welfare
(Welfare) 3
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Mr Stephen SUI, JP
Commissioner for Rehabilitation
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Mr FONG Kai-leung
Assistant Director of Social Welfare (Rehabilitation &
Medical Social Services)
Social Welfare Department

Miss Cecilla LI
Assistant Director of Social Welfare (Elderly)
Social Welfare Department

Ms Maggie LEUNG
Senior Social Work Officer (Licensing Office of
Residential Care Homes for Persons with
Disabilities)
Social Welfare Department

**Attendance by
invitation**

Item I

New People's Party

Mr NG Ka-chui
Community Development Officer

Hong Kong Private Nursing Home Owners Association

Mr Thomas KWONG
Vice Chairman

Carer Alliance for the Dementia

Ms CHEUNG Yuet-kam
Chairperson

Mr Jose NG Kwok-wah

Ms Alice LEE Fung-king

Alliance for Residential Care

Mr LAM Lai-shing
Convener

The Forthright Caucus

Miss LAM Ling

Liberal Party

Mr Harris YEUNG
Member

Aids Concern

Miss Irene LAM
Director of Policy & Communications

Labour Party

Mr YIP Wing
Representative

Ms Edith LEE

安老服務關注組

Mrs CHAN Mu-zhen
Committee Member

香港老人權益聯盟

Mr KWOK Chin-yin
Chairperson

Society for Community Organization

Mr NG Wai-tung
Community Organizer

關注精神病康復者權益會

Miss YUEN Shuk-yan
Community Organizer

院舍服務關注組

Miss CHAN Yuen-man
Community Organizer

Hong Kong Association of Gerontology

Ms YUNG Lai
Executive Director

The Elderly Services Association of Hong Kong

Mr Alex LI
Secretary General

長者服務大聯盟

Mr Guy LO
Chief Executive

Clerk in Attendance : Mr Colin CHUI
Chief Council Secretary (2) 4

Staff in Attendance : Miss Karen LAI
Council Secretary (2) 6

Miss Maggie CHIU
Legislative Assistant (2) 4

Action

- I. Quality and monitoring of private residential care homes for the elderly and for persons with disabilities**
[LC Paper Nos. CB(2)1558/13-14(01) to (03),
CB(2)1586/13-14(01)(Revised), CB(2)1630/13-14(01) and
CB(2)1643/13-14(01) to (03)]

The Joint Subcommittee deliberated (index of proceedings attached at **Annex**).

Admin

2. The Joint Subcommittee requested the Administration to provide information on –

Action

- (a) the number of private residential care homes for the elderly ("RCHEs") participating in accreditation programmes of residential care services for the elderly; and
- (b) the number of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance ("CSSA") fraud cases relating to elderly CSSA recipients residing in private RCHEs not reporting the part of home fees contributed by their family members.

II. Item(s) for discussion at the next meeting

[LC Paper No. CB(2)272/13-14]

[Due to time constraint, the Joint Subcommittee had not discussed this subject. As advised by the Chairman, the agenda item for the next meeting scheduled for 24 June 2014 was "Hospice care services".]

III. Any other business

3. The Chairman advised that the Joint Subcommittee would complete its work by the end of July 2014. The Joint Subcommittee would submit a report to the Panel on Welfare Services and the Panel on Health Services. The Joint Subcommittee would also invite the two Panels to seek, under House Rule 14(A)h, the agreement of the House Committee for priority allocation of a debate slot to the Chairman of the Joint Subcommittee for moving a motion on the Joint Subcommittee report at a Council meeting in the next session.

4. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 4:30 pm.

Council Business Division 2
Legislative Council Secretariat
12 November 2014

**Proceedings of the sixteenth meeting of the
Joint Subcommittee on Long-term Care Policy
on Monday, 26 May 2014, at 2:30 pm
in Conference Room 1 of the Legislative Council Complex**

Time marker	Speaker(s)	Subject(s)	Action required
<i>Agenda item I – Quality and monitoring of private residential care homes for the elderly and for persons with disabilities</i>			
000059 - 000440	Chairman	Opening remarks of the Chairman on the long-standing poor service of private residential care homes. Given that private care homes offered 70% of places in the market, the Administration should step up its measures in regard to the quality and monitoring of private residential care homes. [LC Paper No. CB(2)1630/13-14(01)]	
000441 - 000744	New People's Party Chairman	Urging the Administration to – (a) increase the monthly payment of Residential Care Supplement under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance ("CSSA") Scheme from \$275 to \$1,000 to ease the financial hardship of elderly CSSA recipients, who could not afford the accommodation fees charged by private residential care homes; (b) offer loans to private residential care homes for persons with disabilities ("RCHDs") for upgrading their facilities and services to meet the statutory requirements under the Residential Care Homes (Persons with Disabilities) Ordinance (Cap. 613); and (c) increase the frequency of inspections to private residential care homes to ensure the related requirements on building safety, fire precaution, staffing and floor space could be met.	
000745 - 001140	Hong Kong Private Nursing Home Owners Association Chairman	Presentation of views – (a) about 70% of elderly residents in private RCHEs were CSSA recipients. Operators of private residential care homes for the elderly ("RCHEs") mainly relied on the CSSA payments to run their business and lacked funding to improve the service quality; and	

Time marker	Speaker(s)	Subject(s)	Action required
		(b) the Administration should provide more support to private residential care homes, in particular manpower supply, and organize training for Care Workers.	
001141 - 001414	Carer Alliance for the Dementia Chairman	<p>Presentation of views – [LC Paper No. CB(2)1643/13-14(01)]</p> <p>(a) the Administration should cope with the manpower shortage at private RCHEs and provide training for care staff to enhance their knowledge, medication and skills in taking care of demented elderly persons; and</p> <p>(b) private residential care home operators should install facilities to provide an environment conducive to the well-being of demented persons.</p>	
001415 - 001723	Mr Jose NG Kwok-wah Chairman	Presentation of views that the Administration should enhance its support in regard to recruitment of care staff for elderly care services. Private RCHEs should be provided with support on staff training, and assistance for installation of facilities specifically for people with dementia.	
001724 - 002011	Ms Alice LEE Fung-king Chairman	<p>Presentation of views –</p> <p>(a) the Administration should develop a standardized fee in regard to the charges of private RCHEs;</p> <p>(b) although the Administration claimed that at least seven surprise inspections were conducted annually, it was relayed by some elderly service practitioners that operators of private RCHEs were informed of the inspection in advance; and</p> <p>(c) the Administration should step up its monitoring measures to eradicate the elderly abuse acts committed by staff of private RCHEs.</p>	
002012 - 002321	Alliance for Residential Care Chairman	<p>Presentation of views –</p> <p>(a) while the Government should roll out immediate measures to upgrade the service quality of private residential care homes, it should also be committed to providing high quality subsidized residential care services ("RCS");</p>	

Time marker	Speaker(s)	Subject(s)	Action required
		<p>(b) the problems arising from ageing of persons with disabilities should be addressed through increasing the rehabilitation service places;</p> <p>(c) carer allowance should be offered for carers of persons with disabilities and respite services be provided in different districts to meet service demand; and</p> <p>(d) persons with disabilities should be allowed to apply for CSSA on an individual basis, so that they could seek financial assistance and be taken care of by family members.</p>	
002322 - 002643	The Forthright Caucus Chairman	<p>Presentation of views –</p> <p>(a) there was an acute shortage of manpower in RCHEs and RCHDs. Importation of labour would impose adverse impact on the service quality of residential care homes. Urging the Administration to explore ways to attract new recruits; and</p> <p>(b) to fulfill the wish of elderly persons and persons with disabilities for integration into the community, the Administration should strengthen its community care services.</p>	
002644 - 002901	Liberal Party Chairman	<p>Urging the Administration to –</p> <p>(a) purchase more places from private RCHEs under the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme ("EBPS") and conduct a comprehensive review of the service mode of RCS, for example introducing the RCS voucher scheme;</p> <p>(b) accord high priority to addressing the manpower shortage of the elderly care sector; and</p> <p>(c) importation of labour could be considered under the condition that the interest of local workers had been safeguarded.</p>	
002902 - 003244	Aids Concern Chairman	<p>Presentation of views that – [LC Paper No. CB(2)1558/13-14(03)]</p> <p>(a) it was alarming that in view of the ageing population, only six RCHEs were willing to provide services to persons with human immunodeficiency virus ("HIV") infected; and</p>	

Time marker	Speaker(s)	Subject(s)	Action required
		(b) the Government should remind care providers of RCS of their responsibilities and obligation under the Disability Discrimination Ordinance (Cap. 487) to provide services for persons with HIV. Operators should also educate relevant staff on eliminating stigma and discrimination.	
003245 - 003633	Ms Edith LEE Chairman	Urging the Government to provide high quality and affordable residential care services for the elderly and step up its monitoring measures in regard to the staffing requirement, spatial requirements, healthcare facilities, and prevention of abusive acts at private RCHEs.	
003634 - 004034	安老服務關注組 Chairman	Presentation of views [LC Paper No. CB(2)1643/13-14(02)] Expressing concerns about the poor service quality and elderly abuse cases at private RCHEs and urging the Administration to provide more support and assistance for private care homes.	
004035 - 004345	香港老人權益聯盟 Chairman	Presentation of views [LC Paper No. CB(2)1643/13-14(02)] Expressing the view that many elderly persons could not afford the high accommodation fees at private RCHEs. The Administration should keep its promise on providing residence and care for the elderly by shortening the waiting time for RCHEs and assisting private RCHEs to upgrade their service quality.	
004346 - 004737	Society for Community Organization ("SoCO") Chairman	Views and enquiries that – [LC Paper No. CB(2)1643/13-14(02)] (a) the Administration should look into the wide gap between the service quality of subvented and private RCHEs; (b) the Administration should raise the staff to residents ratio at private RCHEs to 1:20 and increase the CSSA payments for elderly recipients residing in private RCHEs by 50% so that the payments could cover the accommodation fees; and (c) the Administration should be requested to provide the number of elderly residents at private RCHEs paying an accommodation fee higher than their CSSA payments.	

Time marker	Speaker(s)	Subject(s)	Action required
004738 - 005114	關注精神病康復者 權益會 Chairman	<p>Presentation of views that – [LC Paper No. CB(2)1643/13-14(02)]</p> <p>(a) mentally ill persons residing in private RCHDs should be provided with proper care and services including nutritious diets and rehabilitation programmes;</p> <p>(b) disappointment at the inadequate support for private RCHDs to comply with the licensing requirements under the Residential Care Homes (Persons with Disabilities) Ordinance; and</p> <p>(c) the Review Committee on Mental Health should work out a long-term plan regarding the service quality of private RCHDs.</p>	
005115 - 005521	院舍服務關注組 Chairman	<p>Presentation of views [LC Paper No. CB(2)1643/13-14(02)]</p> <p>Urging the Administration to provide more subsidies for elderly persons to receive RCS and to take measures to improve the salary and job prospect of elderly care service practitioners.</p>	
005522 - 005924	Hong Kong Association of Gerontology Chairman	<p>Presentation of views [LC Paper No. CB(2)1586/13-14(01)(Revised)]</p> <p>Views that the Administration should –</p> <p>(a) formulate a forward-looking long-term care policy. The Joint Subcommittee and the Panel on Welfare Services ("the WS Panel") should monitor the Administration in respect of related policies and measures;</p> <p>(b) increase funding for the provision of subsidized RCHE places;</p> <p>(c) encourage private RCHEs to participate in accreditation programmes as a means to upgrade their service quality;</p> <p>(d) educate the public on selection of high quality residential care services for the elderly; and</p> <p>(e) implement territory-wide quality assurance programmes for RCHEs, review the existing statutory licensing requirements for private RCHEs and resolve the problems of</p>	

Time marker	Speaker(s)	Subject(s)	Action required
		manpower shortage and of sub-standard RCHEs.	
005925 - 010257	Labour Party Chairman	<p>Urging the Administration to –</p> <p>(a) step up its monitoring measures against elderly abuse acts at private RCHEs;</p> <p>(b) explore ways to attract new entrants for elderly care service locally. Importation of labour would not be a feasible option to alleviate manpower shortage;</p> <p>(c) review the spatial requirements for private RCHEs; and</p> <p>(d) provide more support to private RCHDs to upgrade their services for the well-being of persons with disabilities.</p>	
010258 - 010617	The Elderly Services Association of Hong Kong Chairman	Expressing the view that it had been a mismatch of resources that subvented RCHEs were provided with abundant funding whereas private RCHEs were operated on a shoestring. To provide a fair environment for the development of RCHEs, the Administration should allow the market to operate freely and adjust itself.	
010618 - 011033	長者服務大聯盟 Chairman	<p>Presentation of views that the Administration should –</p> <p>(a) purchase more places from private RCHEs under EBPS;</p> <p>(b) provide more support and assistance to private homes including identification of sites and manpower supply; and</p> <p>(c) offer training for relevant staff of private RCHEs in handling admission cases of elderly persons with HIV and other infectious diseases.</p>	
011034 - 012643	Chairman Administration	<p>Response of the Administration to deputations' views that – [LC Paper No. CB(2)1558/13-14(01)]</p> <p><i>Policy direction of elderly services</i></p> <p>(a) upholding the principle of "ageing in place as core, institutional care as back-up", the Government had offered a wide range of</p>	

Time marker	Speaker(s)	Subject(s)	Action required
		<p>community care services ("CCS") and new initiatives (such as the CCS vouchers) to facilitate the elderly to age in place, and at the same time adopted a multi-pronged approach to enhance the provision of RCS for the elderly through building more contract RCHEs, EBPS and other new initiatives;</p> <p>(b) the Government planned to purchase 300 places from private homes under EBPS in the financial year 2014-2015 and had tasked the Elderly Commission ("EC") to explore the feasibility of introducing a RCS voucher scheme in a year's time, which was operated under the new funding mode of "money-following-the-user", for more diversified choice for elderly persons;</p> <p>(c) EC would formulate an Elderly Services Programme Plan within two years on the long-term development of elderly services, including premises and facilities, manpower, and viability of different modes of service delivery;</p> <p><i>Manpower supply and training for staff</i></p> <p>(d) the Administration strongly encouraged RCHE operators to provide training for Care Workers. According to the terms of EBPS, participating RCHEs should have provided training for at least 75% of Care Workers employed, and SWD and the Department of Health ("DH") regularly offered training workshops for front-line RCHE staff including care workers. About 1 000 front-line staff received the training annually;</p> <p>(e) to attract young people to join the workforce of elderly services, the Administration introduced a "first-hire-then-train" pilot scheme providing secondary school leavers with on-the-job training at RCHEs and further study opportunities for a part-time diploma course offered by the Open University of Hong Kong;</p> <p>(f) articulation pathways for professional recognition and career development were being set up under the Qualifications Framework to enhance the job prospect of elderly care service practitioners;</p>	

Time marker	Speaker(s)	Subject(s)	Action required
		<p><i>Service quality of private RCHEs</i></p> <p>(g) the Administration had been closely monitoring the service quality of private RCHEs in accordance with the Residential Care Homes (Elderly Persons) Ordinance ("RCHE Ordinance") (Cap. 459) and updating the Code of Practice from time to time. New initiatives such as the Pilot Scheme on Visiting Pharmacist Services for RCHEs was launched in 2010 to enhance the drug management capabilities of RCHE staff;</p> <p>(h) the minimum requirement of the Care Worker to resident ratio was drawn up to meet the manpower needs of different shifts, and during 7:00 am to 3:00 pm, the ratio was 1:20. Separately, in a private residential care home participating in EBPS, a higher requirement of Care Workers was set. For example, for EA1 RCHE having a capacity of 100 places, 20 Care Workers were required instead of 10, as in the minimum statutory requirement of an RCHE with the same capacity;</p> <p>(i) private RCHEs were encouraged to participate in accreditation programmes for recognition of quality services;</p> <p>(j) inspections of RCHEs were unannounced, and staff of SWD had taken on board the advice of the Independent Commission Against Corruption and the Ombudsman about the importance of integrity in conducting the inspections;</p> <p><i>Provision of RCS for elderly persons with HIV</i></p> <p>(k) SWD all along joined hands with DH to provide training for relevant staff of RCHEs on infection control and would offer more training on proper perception about and attitudes to persons with HIV; and</p> <p>(l) further actions would be taken if RCHEs did not meet the licensing requirements under the RCHE Ordinance or failed to comply with provisions of the Disability Discrimination Ordinance.</p> <p>Remarks of the Chairman that –</p>	

Time marker	Speaker(s)	Subject(s)	Action required
		<p>(a) given that a huge portion of income of private RCHEs derived from the meagre CSSA payments of their residents, most private RCHEs lacked funding to improve their services. The Administration should address the disparity between the residential care services for poor elderly persons who resided in private RCHEs and those well-off elderly persons who could afford the more expensive services offered by contract or self-financing RCHEs; and</p> <p>(b) the Administration should follow up the issue raised by the Aids Concern by writing to the RCHEs concerned in respect of their non-admission of elderly persons with HIV.</p>	
012644 - 013353	Mr TAM Yiu-chung Administration Chairman	<p>Views of Mr TAM Yiu-chung that although it was the good intention of the Administration to introduce EBPS to enhance the service quality of private RCHEs, most private RCHEs lacked funding and resources to upgrade their services. His enquiries and views that –</p> <p>(a) the Administration's measures to encourage private RCHEs to take part in accreditation programmes and the number of private care homes having participated in the programmes;</p> <p>(b) any difficulties in meeting the target of purchasing 300 places from private homes under EBPS;</p> <p>(c) in view of the difficulties in recruiting staff for elderly services locally, the Administration should consider importing labour to ease the imminent manpower needs of elderly care homes; and</p> <p>(d) the Administration should develop a monitoring system for the implementation of the new funding mode of "money-following-the-user" under the voucher schemes and should also convey to EC that, in drawing up the ES Programme Plan, it should explore ways for better monitoring the services of private RCHEs.</p> <p>Reply of the Administration that –</p> <p>(a) SWD strongly encouraged RCHEs to participate in accreditation programmes;</p>	

Time marker	Speaker(s)	Subject(s)	Action required
		<p>(b) SWD would award additional scores to RCHEs which had participated in accreditation programmes in the EBPS purchase exercise. About 20% of RCHEs participating in EBPS had participated in these programmes;</p> <p>(c) with the enhancement of support for private RCHEs, there were more EA1 places purchased under EBPS. The Administration would assist private RCHEs in meeting the related requirements; and</p> <p>(d) the Administration would provide information on the number of private RCHEs participating in accreditation programmes.</p>	Admin
013354 - 013904	Mr POON Siu-ping Administration Chairman	<p>Enquiries of Mr POON Siu-ping about –</p> <p>(a) of the 75 780 RCHE places in total, the distribution of the some 20% RCHE places left unoccupied;</p> <p>(b) the irregularities and offences committed by the 35 RCHEs which had been successfully prosecuted from 2009-2010 to 2013-2014; and</p> <p>(c) the Administration's plan to look into the reasons why RCHEs were not willing to admit elderly persons with HIV, and measures to rectify their non-admission of such persons.</p> <p>Response of the Administration that –</p> <p>(a) most unoccupied places were from private RCHEs;</p> <p>(b) offences committed by the RCHEs included failure to meet statutory staffing requirements, furnishing false information, and non-compliance with directives issued under the RCHE Ordinance. The frequency of inspections would be adjusted based on the risk level of individual RCHEs; and</p> <p>(c) the Administration would encourage RCHE operators to educate their staff on the proper handling of admission of residents, and would update the Code of Practice as well as develop related guidelines for RCHEs on admission of residents.</p>	

Time marker	Speaker(s)	Subject(s)	Action required
013905 - 014750	Mr LEUNG Kwok-hung Administration Chairman	<p>Views and enquiries of Mr LEUNG Kwok-hung that –</p> <p>(a) the Administration should take measures to realize the pledge of the Chief Executive in his election manifesto to meet the needs of elderly care, medical and health services arising from the ageing population; and to shorten the waiting time for RCHEs and encourage service providers to offer services at different fee levels to satisfy the requirements of different strata of society; and</p> <p>(b) the estimated funding for the realization of the pledge by the Chief Executive, and the timetable for the provision of RCS to meet the service demand.</p> <p>Reply of the Administration that the provision of elderly services had been a continuous commitment of the Government, with highlights as follows –</p> <p>(a) in the 2014-2015 financial year, a total of \$6.2 billion recurrent funding would be allocated for elderly services, of which \$4 billion was for the enhancement of RCS;</p> <p>(b) a total of 11 sites had been earmarked for the construction of RCHEs providing about 1 200 places, and more sites would be identified for the purpose; and</p> <p>(c) with the funding approval of \$10 billion by the Finance Committee, the Administration had implemented a Special Scheme on Privately Owned Sites for Welfare Uses to provide additional premises for elderly and rehabilitation services.</p> <p>Views of the Chairman that –</p> <p>(a) the \$4 billion (two-thirds of \$6.2 billion) allocated for the enhancement of RCS was a mismatch of resources. The funding allocation was not in line with the Government's commitment to encouraging elderly persons to age in place; and</p> <p>(b) the Administration should provide a larger amount of funding for the enhancement of</p>	

Time marker	Speaker(s)	Subject(s)	Action required
		<p>CCS. With more services to facilitate elderly persons to age in place, the pressing demand for RCHE places could be alleviated.</p> <p>Reply of the Administration that –</p> <p>(a) a larger proportion of funding was allocated for RCS since the services were offered on an all-day-round basis; and</p> <p>(b) that said, the Administration strived to strengthen community support and services for elderly persons. An additional 1 500 Enhanced Home and Community Care Services ("EHCCS") places would be offered in 2015, and the service content of EHCCS would also be strengthened.</p> <p>Further remarks of the Chairman on the welfare sector's concerns about the adverse impact of competitive bidding for EHCCS on the service quality and the development of long-term care services, which would be discussed at the meeting of the WS Panel on 9 June 2014.</p>	
014751 - 015505	Deputy Chairman Administration Chairman	<p>Views and enquiries of the Deputy Chairman that –</p> <p>(a) of the 568 private RCHEs in total as at January 2014, some 214 private RCHEs charged an accommodation fee higher than the monthly CSSA payments (on average \$4,927) of their elderly residents. The Administration should accord high priority to addressing the hardship of the elderly CSSA recipients residing in private RCHEs;</p> <p>(b) any follow-up by the Administration to look into whether the elderly CSSA recipients residing in private RCHEs had reported to the social security units the contributions by their family members for the accommodation fees as their deployable resources;</p> <p>(c) the Administration should improve the long-standing poor service quality of private RCHEs by, e.g., providing CSSA recipients residing in private RCHEs with subsidies for their expenditures in accommodation fees; and</p> <p>(d) whether the staffing and bed spacing requirements could be further raised as</p>	

Time marker	Speaker(s)	Subject(s)	Action required
		<p>stipulated in the Service Quality Standards and Criteria for EBPS drawn up by SWD.</p> <p>Reply of the Administration that –</p> <p>(a) taking into account the amount of CSSA payments for an elderly singleton who was 100% disabled (\$5,941) and an elderly singleton who was in need of constant attendance (\$7,693), only 55 and 10 out of 568 private RCHEs charged an accommodation fee higher than the monthly CSSA payment of their elderly residents respectively;</p> <p>(b) CSSA elderly recipients could apply for special grants under the CSSA Scheme to cover costs of medical, rehabilitation appliances; and</p> <p>(c) it was against the law for elderly CSSA recipients not to report that their family members had paid part of the home fees of private RCHEs since the payments constituted part of the deployable resources of the elderly persons.</p> <p>Enquiry of the Chairman on the number of CSSA fraud cases in which elderly CSSA recipients residing in private RCHEs did not report the part of home fees contributed by their family members.</p> <p>Reply of the Administration that it would follow up with the social security field unit on the number of CSSA fraud cases of such nature.</p>	Admin
015506 - 015647	長者服務大聯盟 Chairman	The deputation pointed out the psychological concerns of front-line staff regarding the admission of elderly persons with HIV and other infectious diseases. The deputation urged SWD to provide more education and training for the staff on proper ways to treat these elderly persons.	
015648 - 015810	SoCO Chairman	SoCO followed up its earlier enquiries on the number of elderly CSSA recipients residing in private RCHEs, who were not able to cover the accommodation fees by their CSSA payments, and whether the Administration would review the 1:40 staff to resident ratio at private RCHEs.	
015811 - 015939	Hong Kong Association of Gerontology Chairman	As the agent of an accreditation programme for elderly care homes, the deputation said that –	

Time marker	Speaker(s)	Subject(s)	Action required
		<p>(a) RCHEs participated in the accreditation programme on a voluntary basis. Since 2002, a total of 115 RCHEs had passed accreditation. Of the 45 RCHEs having valid accreditations currently, about 30 were private RCHEs; and</p> <p>(b) the Government should help promote accreditation programmes with a view to encouraging more private homes to enhance their service quality.</p> <p>The Chairman's concurrence with the deputation's view that the Administration should take the lead to develop service yardsticks and encourage private care homes to participate in accreditation programmes.</p>	
015940 - 020200	Aids Concern Chairman	<p>Views of Aids Concern that considering that elderly persons with HIV would not file a complaint themselves due to stigma effects, the Administration should take the initiative to follow up the rejection cases and provide detailed guidelines on the admission of elderly residents in RCHEs.</p> <p>Summing up of the discussion by the Chairman.</p>	
<i>Agenda items II & III – Item(s) for discussion at the next meeting & Any other business</i>			
020201 - 020234	Chairman	<p>Advice of the Chairman that –</p> <p>(a) with its completion of work by the end of July 2014, the Joint Subcommittee would submit a report to the WS Panel and Panel on Health Services; and</p> <p>(b) the Joint Subcommittee would also invite the two Panels to seek, under House Rule 14(A)h, the agreement of the House Committee for priority allocation of a debate slot to the Chairman of the Joint Subcommittee for moving a motion on the Joint Subcommittee report at a Council meeting in the next session.</p> <p>Closing remarks</p>	