

**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
PANEL ON WELFARE SERVICES**

**Supplementary information on
Initiatives relating to the Purview of the Panel on Welfare Services
set out in the 2014-15 Budget**

At the Panel meeting on 10 March 2014, Members requested the Administration to provide information on (a) the number of additional staff and their respective ranks to be employed for each of the 41 District Elderly Community Centres and 119 Neighbourhood Elderly Centres; and (b) the total amount of funding allocated to each service unit for the provision of services for elderly persons with dementia. The information is set out as follows:

(a) Number of additional staff to be employed by elderly centres and their respective ranks

2. Under the Lump Sum Grant Subvention System, non-governmental organisations operating elderly centres have the flexibility to deploy the additional subvention in arranging suitable staffing, including social workers and other supporting staff, to ensure service quality and meet service needs.

(b) Funding allocated to each service unit for the provision of services for elderly persons with dementia

3. Dementia Supplement (DS) has been provided as an additional support for demented elderly in subvented residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs), private RCHEs participating in Enhanced Bought Place Scheme (EBPS) and subsidised day care centres/units for the elderly (DEs/DCUs) on an annual basis.

4. The Social Welfare Department (SWD) will invite applications from subvented RCHEs which wish to apply for DS. These subvented RCHEs will first conduct initial assessments for their elderly residents based on a set of established criteria. The eligibility of relevant elderly residents

for DS in these subvented RCHEs will be subsequently confirmed by the Psychogeriatric Teams (PGTs) of the Hospital Authority. Based on the number of eligible cases in these subvented RCHEs as confirmed by PGTs, SWD will estimate the number of eligible elderly persons in private RCHEs participating in EBPS and that in DEs/DCUs for the allocation of DS to these service units.

5. The allocation of DS for these service units in 2014-15 is set out below:

Type of service units	Number of service units with allocation	Allocation (\$ million)
Subvented RCHEs	119	141.3
Private RCHEs participating in EBPS	134	68.8
Subsidised DEs/DCUs	70 ^(note)	15.7

Note: These 70 subsidised DEs/DCUs include three new DEs/DCUs which will commence services in 2014-15.

There are about 5 800 beneficiaries in 2014-15.

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