

Panel on Welfare Services**List of follow-up actions**
(position as at 8 April 2014)

Subject	Date of meeting	Follow-up action required	Administration's response
1. Assistance to elderly not receiving Comprehensive Social Security Assistance ("CSSA")	8 June 2006	<p>The Administration was requested to –</p> <p>(a) provide a paper setting out the relevant figures to substantiate its saying that a pay-as-you-go retirement protection scheme was not feasible; and</p> <p>(b) consult employees in Hong Kong on whether they were willing to allocate part of their Mandatory Provident Fund contributions, say 50%, to a pool for distribution to the current cohort of elders, on the understanding that they too would receive a monthly sum of some \$2,500 in their old age.</p>	<p>The Administration has launched a new Old Age Living Allowance of \$2,200 per month in April 2013 as an additional form of financial assistance for Hong Kong elderly persons aged 65 or above who have insufficient means for a living and are in need of support.</p> <p>The Administration is conducting a consultancy study on retirement protection in Hong Kong.</p>
2. Briefings by the Secretary for Labour and Welfare and the Secretary for Home Affairs on the Chief Executive's 2013 Policy Address	21 January 2013	<p>The Administration was requested to provide information on, among others, –</p> <p>(a) the supply and demand for residential care services and community care services including day care services and home-based care services in the next five years;</p>	<p>The Administration will provide the required information in due course.</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (b) steps to be taken by the Administration to address the problem of inter-generational poverty; (c) a list of social welfare problems existing in the community in the absence of social welfare planning since mid-1990s; (d) in respect of releasing the labour force of women who could not go to work because they had to take care of their families – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) whether the Administration would consider extending the service hour of after-school learning support to 7 pm or 8 pm; and (ii) how the core values promulgated by the Family Council would help in this regard and the details on these values; and (e) the outcome of the Administration's discussion with the welfare sector on measures to meet the sector's demand for front-line care staff. 	
<p>3. Updates on Child Development Fund ("CDF")</p>	<p>16 April 2013</p>	<p>The Administration was requested to provide information on how it would transform the favourable conditions which CDF had helped create for participating children to overcome inter-generational poverty into policies with a view to solving the problem of inter-generational poverty.</p>	<p>The Administration will provide the required information in due course.</p>

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4. Planning and inadequate provision of rehabilitation services for pre-school children	10 June 2013	The Administration was requested to provide information on the number of staff required for working and staff shortfall in each category of the rehabilitation sector as well as the lead time for training the relevant staff.	The Administration will provide the required information in due course.
5. Medium and long-term social welfare planning	8 July 2013	The Administration was requested to provide information on the needs for the elderly and rehabilitation services in the next five years.	The Administration will provide the required information in due course.
6. Ways to improve situation of refugees, torture claimants and asylum seekers ("protection claimants") in Hong Kong	22 July 2013	<p>The Administration was requested to provide information on –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the number of minor claimants who had been denied access to schooling during their stay in Hong Kong; (b) the average processing time for determination of a claim lodged by a protection claimant and whether it could be shortened; and (c) a detailed breakdown of the expenditure, including the administration fee, for provision of humanitarian assistance to protection claimants through ISS-HK, which amounted to \$203 million in 2012-2013. 	The Administration will provide the required information in due course.

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	13 January 2014	<p>The Administration was requested to provide information on –</p> <p>(a) the number of convicted cases concerning unlawful employment which involved protection claimants; and</p> <p>(b) the practice of neighbouring countries, including Singapore, regarding the provision of assistance to protection claimants.</p>	
7. Shortage of supporting staff (including Programme Workers) in the social welfare sector	13 January 2014	<p>The Administration was requested to provide information on –</p> <p>(a) the number of youth population and the number of Integrated Children and Youth Services Centres by district from 2014 to 2021; and</p> <p>(b) staff establishment of the non-governmental organizations operating under the Lump Sum Grant ("LSG") Subvention System.</p>	The Administration will provide the required information in due course.
8. Pilot scheme on community care service voucher for the elderly ("the Pilot Scheme")	13 January 2014	The Administration was requested to provide information on the reasons for the non-participation of eligible elderly persons in the Pilot Scheme.	The Administration will provide the required information in due course.

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<p>9. Briefings by the Secretary for Labour and Welfare and the Secretary for Home Affairs on the Chief Executive's 2014 Policy Address</p>	<p>23 January 2014</p>	<p>The Administration was requested to provide –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) details of the additional recurrent expenditure of about \$470 million under the LSG Subvention System in 2014-2015, broken down by four categories, viz. central administrative support; supervisory support to enhance front-line service; provision for "Other Charges"; and recruitment of paramedical staff; and (b) a paper on its measures to unleash the women workforce with details on – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) justifications for setting the upper age limit of children eligible for the Neighbourhood Support Child Care Project; and (ii) whether it had any plans to reserve space for the provision of child care services in the vicinity of newly built residential care homes for the elderly to encourage women to join the workforce of elderly care services. 	<p>The Administration will provide the required information in due course.</p>
<p>10. Pilot scheme on the provision of living allowance to carers of the elderly from low income families ("Pilot Scheme")</p>	<p>10 February 2014</p>	<p>The Administration was requested to provide the Panel with a copy of the paper to be submitted by the Community Care Fund Task Force to the Commission on Poverty concerning the Pilot Scheme.</p>	<p>The paper was issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(2)1160/13-14(01) (Chinese version issued on 25 March 2014; English version to follow).</p>

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<p>11. Creation of one time-limited supernumerary post of Administrative Officer Staff Grade C (D2) in the Labour and Welfare Bureau</p>	<p>10 March 2014</p>	<p>The Administration was requested to provide the following information before submitting the relevant proposal to the Finance Committee –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the parameters of the proposed voucher scheme on residential care services for the elderly ("RCS voucher scheme"), including the co-payment arrangements, means test requirement, etc., and how these parameters would differ from those of the subvented residential care homes for the elderly ("RCHEs"); (b) the role and participation of operators of subvented RCHEs and self-financing RCHEs in the RCS voucher scheme; and (c) the direction and scope of the elderly services programme plan to be prepared by the Elderly Commission. 	<p>The Administration will provide the required information in due course.</p>

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12. Programmes and initiatives relating to the purview of the Panel on Welfare Services set out in the 2014-2015 Budget	10 March 2014	<p>The Administration was requested to provide information on –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(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 for strengthening community support and services for the elderly and their carers;(b) the unit cost of the Pilot Scheme on Home Care Service for Persons with Severe Disabilities and the unit cost after the Pilot Scheme had been regularized;(c) the implementation of and the assessment tool for the regularized Home Care Service for Persons with Severe Disabilities Scheme; and(d) the total amount of funds allocated to each service unit for the provision of services for persons with dementia.	The Administration will provide the required information in due course.