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Extension of Operating Theatre Block of Tuen Mun Hospital

Tuen Mun Hospital ("TMH") is the regional acute general hospital of the New Territories West Cluster ("NTWC") of the Hospital Authority ("HA"). It provides a full range of acute services including operating services and ambulatory care, and serves as the major trauma centre for NTWC. According to the Administration, TMH has around 23 700 discharges and deaths in surgical specialties in 2013-2014. The operating theatre utilization rate for elective surgery in TMH is over 120% in 2013-2014.

2. The subject of the extension of Operating Theatre Block of TMH has not been discussed by the Panel on Health Services ("the Panel"). Separately, members were advised that the pre-construction consultancy services for the extension of Operating Theatre Block of TMH, at the cost of around $71 million, was being funded under the one-off grant of $13 billion to HA for carrying out its minor works projects for about 10 years or so starting from 2014-2015. At the meeting of the Panel on 19 January 2015, in the context of discussing the expansion of United Christian Hospital, there was an enquiry about the expansion of TMH. According to the Administration, it planned to expand the existing operating theatre facilities in TMH in order to cope with the increasing service demand arising from the growing population in NTWC, and to provide additional space for TMH to expand its clinical service capacity. A new block adjacent to the existing Operating Theatre Block of TMH would be constructed to accommodate additional operating theatres as well as expanded Accident and Emergency and Radiology departments. Subject to funding approval of the Finance Committee, the construction works were planned to start in 2016 for completion in 2020.

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