

**Panel on Welfare Services**

**List of follow-up actions**  
(position as at 3 October 2014)

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Date of meeting</b>	<b>Follow-up action required</b>	<b>Administration's response</b>
<p>1. Assistance to elderly not receiving Comprehensive Social Security Assistance ("CSSA")</p>	<p>8 June 2006</p>	<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 Commission on Poverty will discuss in detail the study report on retirement protection in Hong Kong submitted by the consultancy team with Prof Nelson CHOW Wing-sun of The University of Hong Kong as the chief consultant.</p>

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<p>2. Briefings by the Secretary for Labour and Welfare and the Secretary for Home Affairs on the Chief Executive's 2013 Policy Address</p>	<p>21 January 2013</p>	<p>The Administration was requested to provide information on, among others, –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(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;</li> <li>(b) steps to be taken by the Administration to address the problem of inter-generational poverty;</li> <li>(c) a list of social welfare problems existing in the community in the absence of social welfare planning since mid-1990s;</li> <li>(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"> <li>(i) whether the Administration would consider extending the service hour of after-school learning support to 7 pm or 8 pm; and</li> <li>(ii) how the core values promulgated by the Family Council would help in this regard and the details on these values; and</li> </ul> </li> <li>(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.</li> </ul>	<p>The Administration will provide the required information in due course.</p>

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3. Updates on Child Development Fund ("CDF")	16 April 2013	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.	The Administration will provide the required information in due course.
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.

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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"><li>(a) the number of minor claimants who had been denied access to schooling during their stay in Hong Kong;</li><li>(b) the average processing time for determination of a claim lodged by a protection claimant and whether it could be shortened; and</li><li>(c) a detailed breakdown of the expenditure, including the administration fee, for provision of humanitarian assistance to protection claimants through the International Social Service Hong Kong Branch, which amounted to \$203 million in 2012-2013.</li></ul>	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"> <li>(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</li> <li>(b) a paper on its measures to unleash the women workforce with details on – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) justifications for setting the upper age limit of children eligible for the Neighbourhood Support Child Care Project; and</li> <li>(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.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>The Administration's response to (a) was issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(2)2012/13-14(01) on 8 July 2014. The Administration will provide its response to (b) in due course.</p>

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<p>10. Programmes and initiatives relating to the purview of the Panel on Welfare Services set out in the 2014-2015 Budget</p>	<p>10 March 2014</p>	<p>The Administration was requested to provide information on –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(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;</li> <li>(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;</li> <li>(c) the implementation of and the assessment tool for the regularized Home Care Service for Persons with Severe Disabilities Scheme; and</li> <li>(d) the total amount of funds allocated to each service unit for the provision of services for persons with dementia.</li> </ul>	<p>The Administration's response to (a) and (d) was issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(2)1909/13-14(01) on 26 June 2014. The Administration will provide its response to (b) and (c) in due course.</p>

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<p>11. Setting up a new contract residential care home for the elderly ("RCHE") cum day care unit ("DCU") in a public rental housing development at ex-Kwai Chung Police Married Quarters site, Kwai Chung</p>	<p>14 April 2014</p>	<p>The Administration was requested to provide –</p> <p>(a) the supply forecast of residential care places and day care places of the 11 sites earmarked for the construction of new RCHE, RCHE with DCU and Day Care Centres for the Elderly from 2014-2015 to 2018-2019; and</p> <p>(b) quarterly progress report on the in-situ expansion, redevelopment or development projects under the Special Scheme on Privately Owned Sites for Welfare Uses.</p>	<p>The Administration's response to (a) was issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(2)1913/13-14(01) on 26 June 2014. The Administration will provide its response to (b) in due course.</p>
<p>12. Work progress of the Family Council</p>	<p>9 June 2014</p>	<p>The Administration was requested to provide the final reports of "Study on the Phenomenon of Divorce in Hong Kong" and "2013 Family Survey".</p>	<p>The Administration's response was issued to members vide LC Paper Nos. CB(2)2288/13-14(01) and (02) on 15 September 2014.</p>



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<p>13. Setting up a new contract RCHE with a DCU at ancillary facilities block of Anderson Road Public Housing Development, Kwun Tong</p>	<p>9 June 2014</p>	<p>The Administration was requested to provide its response to members' following requests before submitting the relevant proposal to the Finance Committee –</p> <p>(a) to increase the ratio of subsidized residential care services ("RCS") places to non-subsidized RCS places in contract RCHEs from 6 : 4 to 8 : 2; and</p> <p>(b) to carry out the construction works and the tendering exercise for selecting suitable operator for the proposed contract RCHE with DCU in tandem so that the proposed contract RCHE with DCU could come into operation earlier, say, about three to six months after the completion of the construction works.</p>	<p>The Administration's response was issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(2)1983/13-14(01) (English version issued on 4 July 2014; Chinese version issued on 10 July 2014).</p>
<p>14. Funding mode for Enhanced Home and Community Care Services ("EHCCS") and matters relating to competitive bidding for such services</p>	<p>9 June 2014</p>	<p>The Administration was requested to provide information on the unit cost of EHCCS since 2001.</p>	<p>The Administration's response was issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(2)2340/13-14(01) on 25 September 2014.</p>

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15. Support for elderly persons who are in need of dental care	30 June 2014	The Administration was requested to –  (a) provide the reasons for not being able to set up government dental clinics in all the 18 districts;  (b) provide the report of the strategic review on health care manpower planning and professional development in Hong Kong; and  (c) revert to the Panel regarding the suggestion of soliciting help from private dentists to provide dental services for the needy elderly at elderly health centres and government dental clinics outside the normal opening hours.	The Administration will provide the required information in due course.
16. Services and policies relating to family support	30 June 2014	The Administration was requested to provide information on the Lam Tin incident happened in early May 2014 and on the Police's review of the handling of the aforesaid incident.	The Administration will provide the required information in due course.

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17. Proposed injection of further funding into the Partnership Fund for the Disadvantaged ("PFD")	25 July 2014	<p>The Administration was requested to provide information on –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(a) the target beneficiaries of PFD;</li><li>(b) the objective(s) of promoting after-school training and support programmes for primary and secondary students from grassroots families through PFD;</li><li>(c) its observations about the decrease in the number of applicant NGOs from 91 in the 7<sup>th</sup> round to 63 in the 8<sup>th</sup> round of the PFD application; and</li><li>(d) the political affiliations of the non-official members of the Advisory Committee of PFD.</li></ul>	The Administration will provide the required information in due course.