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**Proposed \$10 billion endowment fund to the Hospital Authority for  
public-private partnership initiatives**

Promoting public-private partnership ("PPP") in healthcare was one of the healthcare service reform proposals put forward by the Administration during the first stage public consultation on healthcare reform conducted in 2008. According to the Administration, PPP aimed at providing greater choice of services for individuals, encouraging healthy competition, and making better use of resources in the public and private sectors through collaboration between the two sectors to provide healthcare infrastructure or services. PPP also helped benchmark the efficiency and cost-effectiveness of healthcare services, and facilitated cross-fertilization of expertise and experience among healthcare professionals. The proposal received broad support from the community.

2. The Hospital Authority ("HA") has since 2008 launched various initiatives to promote PPP in the provision of healthcare services. These include, among others, the Cataract Surgeries Programme, Tin Shui Wai Primary Care Partnership Project, Haemodialysis PPP, Patient Empowerment Programme, Pilot Project on Enhancing Radiological Investigation Services through Collaboration with the Private Sector, and General Outpatient Clinic PPP Programme. A summary of the implementation of these initiatives is in the **Appendix**.

3. On 25 February 2015, the Financial Secretary announced in the Budget Speech 2015-2016 that the Government would use part of the \$50 billion earmarked to support healthcare reform to set up a fund for HA to make use of investment returns for PPP initiatives, so as to alleviate pressure on the public healthcare system. At the special meeting of the Finance Committee held on

2 April 2015, members were advised that HA's current annual expenditure for PPP initiatives was about \$120 million. A sum of \$10 billion was proposed to be allocated to HA as an endowment fund. It was estimated that an investment return of \$300 to \$400 million would be generated for funding HA's PPP initiatives. The Administration and HA were working on the detailed funding proposal, including the estimated annual expenditure for PPP initiatives, investment framework and governance arrangements.

4. The Administration will brief the Panel on 16 November 2015 on the proposed \$10 billion endowment fund to HA for funding its PPP initiatives. Subject to members' views, the Administration will submit the funding proposal to the Finance Committee for approval in due course.

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**Implementation of the public-private partnership  
initiatives of the Hospital Authority**

Programme	Launch time of the programme	Latest development
<b>Cataract Surgeries Programme</b>		
To assist in increasing throughput of cataract surgeries in the Hospital Authority ("HA").	Launched in February 2008.	As at early March 2015, a total of 114 private ophthalmologists have participated in the programme. More than 20 200 patients have enrolled in the programme and over 15 500 surgeries have been completed.
<b>Tin Shui Wai Primary Care Partnership Project</b>		
To test the use of public-private partnership model and supplement the provision of public general outpatient services in Tin Shui Wai for stable chronic disease patients.	Launched in Tin Shui Wai North in June 2008 and extended to the whole Tin Shui Wai district in June 2010.	As at early March 2015, 11 private doctors and more than 1 600 patients have participated in the programme. The programme has been extended to end-March 2017, pending the extension of the General Outpatient Clinic Public-Private Partnership Programme to the Yuen Long district.
<b>Haemodialysis Public-Private Partnership Programme</b>		
To provide subsidies for eligible patients with end-stage renal disease currently under the care of HA to receive haemodialysis services in qualified community haemodialysis centres.	Launched in March 2010.	As at March 2015, over 265 patients have benefited from the programme.

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<b>Patient Empowerment Programme</b>		
To collaborate with non-governmental organizations to improve chronic disease patients' knowledge of their own disease conditions, enhance their self-management skills and promote partnership with the community.	Launched in selected clusters in March 2010 and extended to all seven clusters in 2011-2012.	Over 79 000 patients are expected to benefit from the programme by the end of 2014-2015. An additional 14 000 patients are expected to be enrolled in 2015-2016.
<b>Pilot Project on Enhancing Radiological Investigation Services through Collaboration with the Private Sector</b>		
To enhance patient access to radiological investigation services through purchase of Computed Tomography and Magnetic Resonance Imaging services from the private sector.	Launched in May 2012, initially providing service to four groups of cancer patients fulfilling clinical eligibility criteria and was extended to seven other cancer groups from May 2014 onwards.	As at early March 2015, five private service providers have taken part in the pilot project with a total of 18 730 scans performed.
<b>General Outpatient Clinic Public-Private Partnership Programme</b>		
To provide patients with specific chronic diseases and in stable clinical condition with a choice receiving treatment provided by private doctors.	Launched in Kwun Tong, Wong Tai Sin and Tuen Mun districts in July 2014.	As at early March 2015, 84 private doctors and over 3 600 patients have enrolled in the programme. HA is formulating plans to extend the programme to the remaining 15 districts in the next few years.

Sources: Information extracted from the Administration's replies to Members' initial written questions during the examination of estimates of expenditure 2015-2016