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Public Accounts Committee

**Promoting the development of social enterprises
and
Provision of long-term care services for the elderly**

The Public Accounts Committee ("PAC") Report No. 65 was tabled in the Council on 17 February 2016. In Part 3 of the Report on the "Report of the Public Accounts Committee on Report No. 62 of the Director of Audit on the Results of Value for Money Audits", and Part 4 of the Report on the "Report of the Public Accounts Committee on Report No. 63 of the Director of Audit on the Results of Value for Money Audits", the latest progress of implementing the Director of Audit's recommendations on the following issues was reported (see the **Appendix** attached):

- i) promoting the development of social enterprises by the Home Affairs Bureau and the Home Affairs Department; and
- ii) the provision of long-term care services for the elderly by the Labour and Welfare Bureau and the Social Welfare Department.

2. As the policy issues on promoting the development of social enterprises and the provision of long-term care services for the elderly are within the purview of the Panel on Welfare Services, PAC has agreed to refer the two subjects to the Panel for follow up.

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~~Public Housing Construction Programme 2015-2016 to 2019-2020~~

- based on the latest projection of the Long Term Housing Strategy on the housing demand, the Government had adopted the total housing supply target of 480 000 units for the coming 10-year period from 2015-2016 to 2024-2025, among which the public housing supply target was 290 000 units (comprising 200 000 PRH units and 90 000 subsidized sale flats). According to the Hong Kong Housing Authority Building Committee paper of June 2015, the total public housing production for the five-year period from 2015-2016 to 2019-2020 would be 95 800 units, which fell short of the level of 290 000 units required by the Long Term Housing Strategy target for the ten-year period from 2015-2016 to 2024-2025. The Administration would put in extra efforts to make up the difference in the second five-year period (from 2020-2021 to 2024-2025).

5. ~~The Committee wishes to be kept informed of further development on the subject.~~

Promoting the development of social enterprises

(Chapter 4 of Part 4 of P.A.C. Report No. 62)

6. The Committee was informed that:

Pilot scheme for priority bidding of selected government contracts by social enterprises ("SEs")

- the pilot scheme for priority bidding of selected government contracts by SEs had been completed and had achieved its purposes. The Home Affairs Bureau ("HAB") would inform the relevant LegCo Panel of the review outcome of the scheme in early 2016; as part of the update of the overall SEs development strategy; and

Accountability and performance management

- HAB and the Home Affairs Department had introduced appropriate performance indicators in their 2015-2016 Controlling Officers' Reports to reflect the progress made on SE promotion, including the number of SEs in Hong Kong and those established under the Enhancing Self-reliance Through District Partnership Programme.

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7. The Committee recommends that the outstanding issues be referred to LegCo Panel on Welfare Services for follow up.

~~system or assigning a government department to take up the responsibilities for regulating and facilitating skip operations; and~~

Progress made in implementing Audit's recommendations

- follow-up actions had been on-going to address the following two remaining audit recommendations:
 - (a) formulating strategies and action plans for regulating and facilitating skip operations, and assigning a government department to take up the responsibilities for regulating and facilitating skip operations; and
 - (b) conducting a review to reassess whether the current situation justified government actions to introduce a regulatory system to regulate and facilitate skip operations.

17. The Committee wrote to Chief Secretary for Administration on 8 January 2016 to urge the Administration to expeditiously regulate the operations of skips so as to safeguard the safety of the public. The Committee also enquired details of latest enforcement actions of HKPF and LandsD against "idling" skips on roadside, which government bureau(x)/department(s) would take up the responsibilities for regulating and facilitating skip operations, and details of strategies and action plans for regulating and facilitating skip operations. The replies from Director of Environmental Protection in *Appendix 4*.

18. The Committee wishes to be kept informed of further development on the ~~subject.~~

Provision of long-term care services for the elderly
(Chapter 1 of Part 8 of P.A.C. Report No. 63)

19. The Committee was informed that:

- the Government would continue to adopt a multi-pronged approach to provide some 1 700 new subsidized residential care places from 2014-2015 to 2017-2018 and some 330 new subsidized day care places till 2016-2017. The Social Welfare Department ("SWD") had also

earmarked a total of 13 sites for construction of residential care homes for the elderly ("RCHes"), day care units attached to contract RCHes and day care centres for the elderly; and

- insofar as enhancing community care services ("CCS") to support ageing in place was concerned, SWD would continue to implement the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Services Voucher for the Elderly. SWD had taken into account the waiting time and service demand of individual districts in deciding the distribution of CCS places. SWD would also make use of cross-district arrangement to flexibly increase day care places in those districts with longer waiting time. For example, through expansion of an existing day care centres for the elderly in Wan Chai in October 2015, the additional 58 day care places would serve the elderly persons living in Wan Chai and Eastern districts. An additional 1 666 Enhanced Home and Community Care Services places had been in full operation by end-June 2015. SWD was exploring the feasibility and form of integrating Integrated Home Care Services with Enhanced Home and Community Care Services, taking into consideration the various new CCS initiatives being piloted and the fact that Integrated Home Care Services included both ordinary and frail cases while Enhanced Home and Community Care Services covered only frail cases.

20. The Committee recommends that the outstanding issues be referred to LegCo Panel on Welfare Services for follow up.

~~**Provision of health services for the elderly**
(Chapter 2 of Part 8 of P.A.C. Report No. 63)~~

21. The Committee was informed that:

~~Elderly health assessment services of the Department of Health ("DH")~~

- ~~with the commissioning of one new clinical team in the Lek Yuen Elderly Health Centres ("EHC") in March 2015 and the introduction of various improvement measures, including the conduct of extra health assessments at EHCs with lower attendance for curative treatment and increasing the proportion of first-time assessments in all EHCs, the overall median waiting time for first time health assessments had been~~