

**A list of questions put to the Administration by Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che
in respect of the mechanism for handling abuse cases relating to children from high risk families**

Parental substance abuse and child protection

1. How many pregnant women are drug users in Hong Kong? Please provide figures in the past five years.
2. How many cases of parental substance abuse have been assessed AND followed up through CCDS (Comprehensive Child Development Service 兒童身心全面發展服務)? What happens to the rest of the cases?
3. How many substance abusers have children under their care?
4. How many MDCCs (Multi-disciplinary Case Conference on Protection of Child with Suspected Abuse 多專業個案會議) in the past year has the presence of medical practitioners or psychiatrists/psychologists? How many of them don't?
5. If the parents/carers of a child are problem substance abusers, will this case be defined as child abuse? What policies/ system are currently in place to protect children under such circumstances?
6. Is the government planning to give a legal definition of child abuse (i.e. making it as a project under the Law Reform Commission of HK)?
7. Is the government planning to conduct a full and independent case review on Yeung Chi-wai's case (楊智維案)?
8. According to "Guidelines for the Psychosocially Assisted pharmacological Treatment of Opioid Dependence by WHO (世界衛生組織) 2009", when a person's substance abuse poses a risk to others, this consideration can override his/her freedom of choosing whether to participate in treatment. Is the government planning to investigate the possibility of mandatory detoxification for parents and pregnant women?
9. How does the government coordinate the efforts to address the problem of parental substance abuse so far?

Multi-disciplinary Case Conference on Protection of Child with Suspected Abuse 多專業個案會議

1. How many telephone, written referrals and internal referrals with respect to children protection concerns are received per month for 2016? and per year for the past 5 years? (Please classify issues of concern)
2. How many referrals lead to MDCC's?
3. How many MDCC's have been conducted in the first quarter of 2016?
4. How many MDCC's was conducted in the past 5 years?

Care or Protection Order (COP) 照顧/保護令

1. How many MDCC's have recommended that Director of Social Welfare secure a COP?
2. How many COP's have been applied for as a result of MDCC recommendation, how many COP have been applied for without MDCC recommendation?

Institutional and residential care

1. How many children subject to COP are still living with their families?
2. How many children are currently in institutional care, emergency placements, group homes, emergency foster care, foster care, boys' /girls' homes/hostels, children's homes, residential child care centers and any other types of care? (classify by special needs/ healthy and age group of 0-5,5-12,12-18)
3. For all children in care, how many of them's original permanency plan is family reunion and adoption?

4. For all children in care, how many of them's ultimate case outcome is awaiting for independence (reaching 18 year of age), adoption, transfer to another care service and family reunion?
5. In average how long do children in care wait for rehabilitation/re-union (please classify by age group 0-5,5-12,12-18)?
6. How many children under 5 years old are in institutional care? How long have they been in care?
7. What is the current institutional (emergency and non-emergency) bed shortage?
8. Of the children in care and of whose original permanency plan is family reunion, what is the percentage of parents having regular engagement with child, what is the percentage of parents having irregular engagement with children, what is the percentage of parents having no contact with child?