

Panel on Welfare Services**Subcommittee on Strategy and Measures to Tackle Domestic Violence and Sexual Violence**

List of follow-up actions
(position as at 18 January 2016)

Date of meeting	Subject	Follow-up actions required	Administration's response
12 January 2015	Definition, identification and assessment of domestic violence and sexual violence	The Administration was requested to provide a written response to the views and concerns expressed by deputations and members at the meeting.	A supplementary paper provided by the Administration to respond to the issues raised at the meeting on 12 January 2015 was issued vide LC Paper No. CB(2)781/14-15(01) on 6 February 2015.
9 February 2015	Definition, identification and assessment of domestic violence and sexual violence	The Administration was requested to - (a) provide a written response to the Subcommittee Chairman's letter dated 3 February 2015 regarding the reports of domestic violence and sexual violence received by the Police from sex workers as well as custody search of transgender persons [LC Paper No. CB(2)781/14-15(03)];	Response awaited

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		<p>(b) give an account of the significant difference in the statistics of domestic violence provided by the Police and the Social Welfare Department ("SWD"), i.e. the numbers of newly reported domestic violence cases received by SWD, domestic conflict reports handled by the Police and cases followed up by SWD upon police referrals during the same period;</p> <p>(c) consider providing a copy of the Emergency Referral Questionnaire, which was an assessment tool adopted by front-line police officers in assessing the high risk factors when handling domestic conflict reports; and</p> <p>(d) convey to the Working Group on Combating Violence the suggestions of collecting data of abuse cases involving same-sex couples from sexual minority groups under the reporting mechanism for domestic and sexual violence cases and of including representatives of sexual minorities in the Working Group.</p>	<p>The Police's response was circulated to members vide LC Paper No. CB(2)1487/14-15(02) on 14 May 2015.</p> <p>-Ditto-</p> <p>The Administration's response was circulated to members vide LC Paper No. CB(2)1663/14-15(01) on 8 June 2015.</p>

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	Shelter service for victims of domestic violence and sexual violence	The Administration was requested to provide a concrete timetable and plan for increasing the residential places and strengthen the support service of refuge centres for victims of domestic violence and sexual violence.	Response awaited
9 March 2015	Housing assistance for victims of domestic violence and sexual violence	<p>The Administration was requested to -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) consider making public the "Guidelines and Procedures for Processing Applications for Compassionate Rehousing and Other Housing Assistance" to facilitate better understanding of the procedures and criteria for handling housing assistance requests from victims of domestic violence; (b) give an account of the reasons for rejecting applications for Compassionate Rehousing ("CR") and Conditional Tenancy ("CT") in the past five years; (c) consider increasing the number of PRH flats reserved for CR every year under the Government's Public Rental Housing Allocation Plan; 	<p>A discussion paper provided by the Administration responding to the issues raised at the meeting on 9 March 2015 was issued vide LC Paper No. CB(2)1213/14-15(02) on 10 April 2015.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-Ditto-</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-Ditto-</p>

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		<p>(d) provide content details of the eight training courses on sexual orientation and related issues organised by SWD for social workers in the past three years; and</p> <p>(e) consider providing a concrete response to the request for inclusion of representatives from sexual minority groups into the Working Group on Combating Violence at the next meeting of the Subcommittee in April 2015.</p>	<p>The information was provided in the Administration's paper issued vide LC Paper No. CB(2)1630/14-15(01) on 5 June 2015.</p> <p>The Administration's response was circulated to members vide LC Paper No. CB(2)1663/14-15(01) on 8 June 2015.</p>
13 April 2015	Application of Police's guidelines in handling domestic violence incidents	<p>The Police was requested to provide a written response to the Subcommittee Chairman's letter dated 16 April 2015 asking for -</p> <p>(a) a set of the Police's operational guidelines including "Emergency Referral Questionnaire", "Action Checklist", and any other related protocol for handling domestic violence and family violence reports; and</p> <p>(b) the relevant statistics of family violence (crime) reports handled by the Police in the past years.</p>	The Police's response was circulated to members vide LC Paper No. CB(2)1487/14-15(02) on 14 May 2015.

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	Shelter service and housing assistance for victims of domestic violence and sexual violence	<p>The Administration was requested to provide -</p> <p>(a) a concrete plan for increasing the capacity of refuge centres before the commencement of the 2015-2016 legislative session such that additional provisions could be earmarked for the expansion of shelter service in the next financial year; and</p> <p>(b) a copy of SWD's "Guidelines and Procedures for Processing Applications for Compassionate Rehousing and Other Housing Assistance" for members' reference.</p>	Response awaited
--	Support services for sexual minorities facing domestic violence and sexual violence	The Administration was requested to provide a written response to the letter dated 23 April 2015 from LGBT Against Domestic Violence Alliance.	The Administration's response was incorporated in its discussion paper circulated to members vide LC Paper No. CB(2)1630/14-15(01) on 5 June 2015.
--	Cases of domestic violence and sexual violence involving children and young persons with disabilities or special needs	The Administration was requested to provide a written response to the issues raised in the Subcommittee Chairman's letter dated 5 May 2015 [LC Paper No. CB(2)1410/14-15(02)].	Response awaited

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12 May 2015	Handling of domestic violence and sexual violence cases involving children and young persons	<p>The Administration was requested to provide -</p> <p>(a) information, including the subjects, content details, training hours, speakers and number of participants, in respect of the training courses for social workers on sexual orientation and related issues organised by SWD since 2011; and</p> <p>(b) a summary of the reference factors in the "Emergency Referral Questionnaire" and the "Action Checklist" considered by the front-line police officers in making referral of the victims and their children to SWD for appropriate services.</p>	<p>The information was provided in the Administration's paper issued vide LC Paper No. CB(2)1630/14-15(01) on 5 June 2015.</p> <p>The Police's response (English version) was circulated to members vide LC Paper No. CB(2)1633/14-15(01) on 4 June 2015 (Chinese version to follow).</p>
	Membership of the Working Group on Combating Violence	<p>The Administration was requested to provide a written response to the Subcommittee Chairman's letter dated 18 May 2015 expressing the Subcommittee's concern about the lack of representatives from the sexual minority groups in the Working Group on Combating Violence of SWD, and asking the Administration to re-consider inviting a reasonable number of representatives from sexual minorities to join the Working Group.</p>	<p>The Administration's response was circulated to members vide LC Paper No. CB(2)1663/14-15(01) on 8 June 2015.</p>

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9 June 2015	Support services for sexual minorities facing domestic violence and sexual violence	<p>The Administration was requested to provide -</p> <p>(a) a written response to the Subcommittee Chairman's letter dated 12 June 2015 urging the Administration to include representatives of sexual minorities in the Working Group on Combating Violence and consider forming a task group or sub-group under the Working Group to address the problems and specific needs of sexual minorities facing domestic violence and sexual violence;</p> <p>(b) information, including the programme contents and frequency, in respect of the training for police officers on the handling of cases of domestic violence and sexual violence involving sexual minorities;</p> <p>(c) relevant training materials, for example, PowerPoint handouts, of the training courses provided by SWD for frontline social workers on issues relating to sexual minorities from 2010-2011 to 2014-2015; and</p>	<p>Response awaited</p> <p>The Police's response (English version) was circulated to members vide LC Paper No. CB(2)644/15-16(01) on 13 January 2016 (Chinese version to follow).</p> <p>Response awaited</p>

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		(d) information, if available, on the adoption of the Code of Practice against Discrimination in Employment on the Ground of Sexual Orientation promulgated by the Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau amongst service organisations rendering services to victims of domestic and sexual violence who were sexual minorities.	Response awaited
20 July 2015	Support services for foreign domestic helpers ("FDHs") who were victims of violence (including sexual violence) in domestic setting	<p>The Administration was requested to provide, if available, on the followings -</p> <p>(a) the total number of applications for change of employer or extension of stay received by the Immigration Department in the past years involving FDHs who had been abused or exploited, together with the respective numbers of approved and rejected applications; among these cases, the respective numbers of FDHs who were allowed to extend their stay in Hong Kong and required to return to their domicile;</p> <p>(b) the total number of substantiated cases involving FDHs being subjected to violence by their employers in the past years; among these cases, the number of</p>	Response awaited

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		<p>applications from the FDHs concerned for change of employer or extension of stay and the number of successful applications; and</p> <p>(c) the number of employment agencies placing FDHs that were successfully prosecuted for malpractices and the level of penalties imposed on the convicted persons.</p>	
6 October 2015	Support services for ethnic minorities facing domestic violence and sexual violence	<p>SWD and the Police were requested to review their respective procedural guidelines for handling cases of domestic violence (including child abuse) and sexual violence involving ethnic minorities ("EMs"), particularly the provision of interpretation and translation services, to meet their specific needs and circumstances.</p> <p>The Administration (including SWD, Home Affairs Department and the Police) as well as the Hospital Authority were requested to maintain statistics on the utilisation of translation and interpretation services by EMs, especially EM victims of domestic violence and sexual violence.</p>	<p>Response awaited</p> <p>Response awaited (except the Police, who has provided its response which was circulated to members vide LC Paper No. CB(2)554/15-16(01) on 31 December 2015)</p>

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		<p>The Police was requested to provide the statistics relating to training for police officers on handling cases involving EMs in the past years, such as the number of training programmes, number of participants, course subjects, etc.</p> <p>The Administration was requested to consider providing dedicated refuge centres for needy EMs (including EM victims of domestic violence and sexual violence).</p>	<p>The Police's response (Chinese version) was circulated to members vide LC Paper No. CB(2)554/15-16 on 31 December 2015 (English version to follow).</p> <p>Response awaited</p>
10 November 2015	Support services for victims of sexual violence	<p>The Administration was requested to provide -</p> <p>(a) the timetable for promulgating Police's revised guidelines on the conduct of body searches on members of the public (including transgender persons);</p> <p>(b) information on the procedures for handling sexual violence cases by front-line police officers;</p>	<p>The Police's response (Chinese version) was circulated to members vide LC Paper No. CB(2)645/15-16(01) on 13 January 2015 (English version to follow).</p> <p>-Ditto-</p>

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8 December 2015	Support services for victims of child abuse	<p>The Administration was requested to provide -</p> <p>(a) the number of school social workers who had participated in SWD's training programmes on sexual orientation in the past years; and</p> <p>(b) the number of referral cases of at-risk children and families made by the Maternal and Child Health Centres of the Department of Health to the Comprehensive Child Development Service and other relevant service units of SWD for follow-up services.</p>	Response awaited
12 January 2016	Support services for victims of elder abuse	<p>The Administration was requested to provide the number of elder abuse cases identified through the support services provided by SWD for elderly persons, such as home visits and outreaching services conducted by the Family Support Programme.</p>	Response awaited