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**Panel on Welfare Services**

**Subcommittee on Issues Relating to the  
Future Development of Elderly Services Schemes**

**Minutes of the third meeting  
held on Tuesday, 22 March 2016, at 2:30 pm  
in Conference Room 1 of the Legislative Council Complex**

**Members present** : Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Chairman)  
Hon TANG Ka-piu, JP (Deputy Chairman)  
Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung  
Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung

**Members absent** : Hon Alan LEONG Kah-kit, SC  
Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung  
Hon CHAN Chi-chuen  
Hon CHAN Yuen-han, SBS, JP  
Hon LEUNG Che-cheung, BBS, MH, JP  
Dr Hon Helena WONG Pik-wan

**Public Officers attending** : Item I

Mr Steve TSE  
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(Special Duties)  
Labour and Welfare Bureau

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Social Welfare Department

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Chief Social Work Officer (Elderly)2  
Social Welfare Department

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Chief Social Work Officer (Licensing)  
Social Welfare Department

Dr LAW Chi-kwong, GBS, JP  
Principal Investigator  
Consultant Team

Dr Ernest CHUI  
Principal Investigator  
Consultant Team

**Attendance by : Item I  
invitation**

Session One

Helping Hand

Mr WONG Ping-choi  
Deputy Director

Democratic Alliance for the Betterment and Progress  
of Hong Kong

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Ms CHEUNG Fan-lan  
Deputy Spokesperson

Ms Joanna LAI Ching-wai

Ms WONG Ming-fung

前線員工權益關注組

Mr CHENG Ching-fat  
代表

The Against Elderly Abuse of Hong Kong

Ms Locasi LEUNG Ka-chung  
Consultant

SME Global Alliance Elderly & Special Needs Services  
Association Limited

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Mr Richard LEE Pak-ying  
Chairman

婦女聯會

Ms MAN Kam-lai  
Representative

Social Service Development

Ms NG Yuk-hung  
Member

Miss LUK Kam-shing

Mr PUN Yue-sang

Hong Kong Private Nursing Home Owners Association

Mr Thomas KWONG  
Vice Chairman

將軍澳長者民生關注會

Mr LAW Yat-kwong

爭取資助院舍聯席

Mr HO Bing-chiu

Mr TSANG Hin-hong

香港老人權益聯盟

Mr KWOK Chin-yin  
Chairman

安老院舍服務關注組

Ms XU Tao-zhi  
Representative

Elderly Home Concern Group

Miss Crystal YUEN Shuk-yan  
Community Organizer

私人院舍質素關注組

Ms LAW Ching-fung  
Representative

護老者權益關注組

Ms KWAN So-har  
Representative

Elderly Medical Concern Group

Mr LIN Wai-kiu  
Representative

長期照顧關注組

Ms LAU Sau-kam  
Representative

Society for Community Organization

Mr NG Wai-tung  
Community Organizer

Ms LI Wing-sheung

Concerning Home Care Service Alliance

Mr KWONG Wing-tai

Ms LAW Mui-heung

Ms CHAN Po-lin

Session Two

The Salvation Army

Ms WONG Suk-han  
Assistant Service Supervisor

The Elderly Services Association of Hong Kong

Ms Grace LEE  
Chairman

優質院舍聯席

Ms CHAN Ching-yue

Labour Party

Mr David CHIU  
Deputy Chairman

買位院舍關注組

Mr NG Wai-ngai

安老政策研究專責小組

Miss NG Lai-shan Pearl Joanna

長者大聯盟

Mr Ben LOK

私營院舍關注組

Mr Guy LO

Information Technology Development for the Elderly

Mr Alan YEUNG

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Mr CHUM Yau-chung

銀齡發展聯席

Mr Danny CHAN

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Chairperson

Mr CHEUNG Kie

Mr FUNG Hing

長者政策監察聯席之友

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Member

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Mr PANG Fai-hang  
常委

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Mr Peter FOK Ling-fung

長期護理關注平台

Mr YIP Wai-keung

人手比例不符最低工資關注組

Mr WONG Kwai-sang

長者服務專業小組

Ms NG Kwan-suet

**Clerk in attendance** : Mr Colin CHUI  
Chief Council Secretary (2) 4

**Staff in attendance** : Ms Rita LAI  
Senior Council Secretary (2) 1

Miss Kay CHU  
Council Secretary (2) 4

Miss Maggie CHIU  
Legislative Assistant (2) 4

Ms Ada TANG  
Clerical Assistant (2) 4

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**I. Residential care services for the elderly**

[LC Paper Nos. CB(2)1105/15-16(01) to (08), CB(2)1127/15-16(01) to (03) and CB(2)1141/15-16(01) to (04)]

The Subcommittee deliberated (index of proceedings attached at **Annex**).

2. The Subcommittee received oral representations from 57 deputations/individuals attending the meeting.

3. The Subcommittee sought clarification from the Administration as to whether elderly persons with disabilities aged 60 or above would be provided with elderly care services or rehabilitation services.



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**II. Any other business**

4. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 7:05 pm.

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Legislative Council Secretariat  
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**Proceedings of the third meeting of the  
Subcommittee on Issues Relating to the  
Future Development of Elderly Services Schemes  
on Tuesday, 22 March 2016, at 2:30 pm  
in Conference Room 1 of the Legislative Council Complex**

<b>Time marker</b>	<b>Speaker(s)</b>	<b>Subject(s)</b>	<b>Action required</b>
000214 - 000618	Chairman	Opening remarks	
000619 - 000937	Chairman Admin	Briefing by the Administration on the current provision of subsidized residential care services ("RCS") for the elderly and various initiatives to enhance such provision as well as the new and on-going measures to enhance the quality of RCS. [LC Paper No. CB(2)1105/15-16(01)].	
<i>Agenda item I - Residential care services for the elderly</i>			
<b><u>Session One</u></b>			
000938 - 001258	Chairman Helping Hand	Presentation of views [LC Paper No. CB(2)1105/15-16(04)]	
001259 - 001620	Chairman Democratic Alliance for the Betterment and Progress of Hong Kong	Presentation of views	
001621 - 001941	Chairman Ms Joanna LAI Ching-wai	Presentation of views [LC Paper No. CB(2)1105/15-16(05)]	
001942 - 002311	Chairman Ms WONG Ming-fung	Presentation of views	
002312 - 002611	Chairman 前線員工權益關注 組	Presentation of views	
002612 - 002913	Chairman The Against Elderly Abuse of Hong Kong	Presentation of views	
002914 - 003235	Chairman SME Global Alliance Elderly & Special Needs Services Association Limited	Presentation of views	
003236 - 003601	Chairman 婦女聯會	Presentation of views [LC Paper No. CB(2)1127/15-16(01)]	

003602 - 003843	Chairman Social Service Development	Presentation of views	
003844 - 004139	Chairman Miss LUK Kam-shing	Presentation of views	
004140 - 004445	Chairman Mr PUN Yue-sang	Presentation of views	
004446 - 004842	Chairman Hong Kong Private Nursing Home Owners Association ("HKPNHOA")	Presentation of views	
004843 - 005149	Chairman 將軍澳長者民生關 注會	Presentation of views	
005150 - 005524	Chairman 爭取資助院舍聯席	Presentation of views [LC Paper No. CB(2)1105/15-16(06)]	
005525 - 005837	Chairman Mr TSANG Hin-hong	Presentation of views	
005838 - 010135	Chairman 香港老人權益聯盟	Presentation of views [LC Paper No. CB(2)1141/15-16(01)]	
010136 - 010417	Chairman 安老院舍服務關注 組	Presentation of views [LC Paper No. CB(2)1141/15-16(01)]	
010418 - 010726	Chairman Elderly Home Concern Group	Presentation of views [LC Paper No. CB(2)1141/15-16(01)]	
010727 - 011046	Chairman 私人院舍質素關注 組	Presentation of views [LC Paper No. CB(2)1141/15-16(01)]	
011047 - 011418	Chairman 護老者權益關注組	Presentation of views	
011419 - 011727	Chairman Elderly Medical Concern Group	Presentation of views [LC Paper No. CB(2)1141/15-16(01)]	
011728 - 012100	Chairman 長期照顧關注組	Presentation of views [LC Paper No. CB(2)1141/15-16(01)]	
012101 - 012415	Chairman Society for Community Organization	Presentation of views [LC Paper No. CB(2)1141/15-16(01)]	

012416 - 012727	Chairman Ms LI Wing-sheung	Presentation of views	
012728 - 012941	Chairman Concerning Home Care Service Alliance	Presentation of views	
012942 - 013019	Chairman Ms LAW Mui-heung	Presentation of views	
013020 - 013121	Chairman Ms CHAN Po-lin	Presentation of views	
013122 - 014950	Chairman Admin	<p>The Chairman's summary of issues raised by deputations, including review on manpower shortage in the elderly care sector, insufficient number of rehabilitation buses, referral mechanism on RCS (including option for transfer out), establishment of a development fund for the purpose of setting up private residential homes for the elderly ("RCHEs"), optimization of places in the infirmary units of RCHEs, setting up of small group homes for elderly with disabilities, monitoring of RCHEs (including transparency of service information, inspection, prosecution and service quality of intermediaries) and provision of supplement for undertaking noxious work in RCHEs.</p> <p>The Administration's response to the view of deputations as follows:</p> <p><u>Provision of subsidized RCS</u></p> <p>(a) the conduct of the feasibility study on the Pilot Scheme on RCS voucher for the elderly ("RCSV Pilot Scheme") would not detract from the Administration's ongoing commitment to providing subsidized RCS for elderly persons under a multi-pronged approach. The Administration would continue to identify suitable sites for new RCHEs/RCHEs with day care units ("DCUs") to meet the demand. As at end-January 2016, the Social Welfare Department ("SWD") earmarked sites in 13 development projects (including conversion of vacant school premises) for the setting up of contract RCHEs or contract RCHEs with DCUs. It was estimated that about 2 000 additional RCS places could be provided within five years' time from 2014-2015;</p> <p>(b) based on the rough estimation of the participating non-governmental organizations ("NGOs") under the Special Scheme on Privately Owned Sites for</p>	

		<p>Welfare Uses, about 9 000 additional elderly service places, including 7 000 RCS places and 2 000 day care places for the elderly, would be provided upon completion of some 60 projects;</p> <p>(c) in June 2014, SWD launched the Pilot RCS Scheme in Guangdong to provide a further option for elderly persons on the Central Waiting List for subsidized care-and-attention places to choose to live in the two Hong Kong NGO-run RCHEs namely, the Hong Kong Jockey Club Shenzhen Society for Rehabilitation Yee Hong Heights and the Hong Kong Jockey Club Helping Hand Zhaoqing Home for the Elderly;</p> <p>(d) suitable sites for setting up welfare facilities, including RCHEs and DCUs, would be identified in new public housing estate developments; and</p> <p>(e) SWD would liaise with subsidized RCHEs with infirmary units in respect of making good use of the places in the infirmary units.</p> <p><u>Measures to enhance the quality of RCS</u></p> <p>(a) starting from 2016-2017, the Administration would progressively convert 1 200 EA2 places under the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme ("EBPS") to EA1 places, so as to increase the supply of higher quality subsidized places and improve the overall quality of private RCHEs; and</p> <p>(b) SWD had been providing RCHEs which offered subsidized places with various kinds of supplements including the Dementia Supplement ("DS") and Infirmary Care Supplement, so that they could engage additional professional and/or care staff, or purchase relevant professional services, in a more flexible manner. The allocation exercise would be based on the number of elderly persons who had been medically assessed to be in need of relevant care in the RCHEs.</p> <p><u>Licensing, inspection and monitoring of RCHEs</u></p> <p>(a) SWD planned to put SWD's Licensing Office of RCHEs ("LORCHE") and the Licensing Office of Residential Care Homes for Persons with Disabilities ("RCHDs") under the management of a single branch in</p>	
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		<p>2016-2017. The new branch, with an increase in manpower of about 50% compared with the existing licensing offices, would be able to comprehensively strengthen the inspection and monitoring of RCHEs and RCHDs. A dedicated inspectorate team would be set up to closely supervise RCHEs with unsatisfactory performance. Strategies for effective monitoring of these RCHEs would be formulated by senior officers. More audit inspections would be conducted by supervisory staff. Prosecution of non-compliant RCHEs would be duly instituted. At the same time, SWD would set up a dedicated team to handle complaints against RCHEs. SWD appealed to members of the public to report on irregularities relating to operations of RCHEs; and</p> <p>(b) a dedicated webpage on RCHEs was under preparation for the purpose of enhancing transparency of service information, such as manpower provision, fee charges and floor area. Such information could facilitate selection of RCHEs by service users.</p> <p><u>Measures to address manpower shortage</u></p> <p>(a) SWD launched the "First-hire-then-train" Pilot Project and the Navigation Scheme for Young Persons in Care Services in 2013 and 2015 respectively with a view to attracting young entrants to the elderly care sector. It was hoped that 1 000 young persons would be recruited to join the care sector so as to address the problem of manpower shortage in the sector and enhance the service quality;</p> <p>(b) to alleviate the shortage of enrolled nurse in the welfare sector, SWD, in collaboration with the Hospital Authority, had provided 14 classes of the EN Training Programme for the welfare sector ("the Training Programme") since 2006. Four more classes under the Training Programme would be launched for providing a total of about 920 training places;</p> <p>(c) to encourage graduates from the Master in Occupational Therapy programme and the Master in Physiotherapy programme (which had been offered by the Hong Kong Polytechnic University from January 2012) to join the welfare sector, SWD had implemented the Training Sponsorship</p>	
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		<p>Scheme through providing funding support for NGOs to sponsor students enrolled in these two programmes. Students concerned as well as those enrolled in the Training Programme had undertaken to work in the welfare sector for a certain period of time immediately after graduation. Notably, a majority of these qualified nurses and professional therapists were willing to stay in the care sector; and</p> <p>(d) with the implementation of Qualifications Framework ("QF") in the elderly care sector, relevant qualifications and working experience were duly recognized. It would help attract more people to join or remain in the welfare sector.</p> <p><u>Provision of subsidized community care services and related support measures</u></p> <p>(a) with adequate community care and support services, despite their long-term care needs, many elderly persons could continue to age in their own place without being admitted to RCHEs prematurely. To this end, SWD provided a range of subsidized community care services ("CCS") to help elderly persons to age in the community. The number of vouchers issued under the Pilot Scheme on CCS Voucher for the Elderly would be substantially increased from 1 200 in the first phase to a total of 3 000 in the second phase which was expected to launch in the fourth quarter of 2016; and</p> <p>(b) a two-year Pilot Scheme on Living Allowance for Carers of Elderly Persons from Low Income Families was rolled out in June 2014. Under the Pilot Scheme, 2 000 carers of elderly persons from low income families were provided with living allowance to help supplement their living expenses so that the elderly persons in need of long term care services could, with the help of their carers, receive proper care and continue to age in the community which they were familiar with. While the Pilot Scheme was originally scheduled for completion in May 2016, the Administration proposed to extend the Pilot Scheme and launch the Second Phase of the Scheme until September 2018. The number of places for carers would be increased to 4 000.</p> <p>The Administration's advice that views of deputations, including suggestion for setting up a</p>	
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		development fund for elderly services, were noted and would be further studied.	
014951 - 015549	Chairman Dr Fernando CHEUNG HKPNHOA	<p>Dr Fernando CHEUNG's grave disappointment about the insufficient provision of elderly services, having regard to the fact that Hong Kong was an affluent city. His query about the priorities accorded by the Administration to the provision of various kinds of services.</p> <p>Dr CHEUNG's grave concern about the quality of services provided by private RCHEs and his opposition to the implementation of the RCSV Pilot Scheme.</p> <p>Dr CHEUNG's invitation of views from HKPNHOA's representative in respect of its suggestion of providing frontline staff with additional wage (say \$3,000) for the purpose of enhancing the service quality of RCHEs and how a mechanism could be put in place to avoid possible embezzling of such subvention by RCHE operators.</p>	
015550 - 020244	Chairman Deputy Chairman Admin	<p>The Deputy Chairman's concerns about the service quality of private RCHEs. His enquiry/suggestions as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) whether there was a specific timetable with regard to strengthening the monitoring of private RCHEs;</li> <li>(b) an evaluation system for RCHEs to be introduced and the results to be made public; and</li> <li>(c) legislative amendments to be made in respect of liability of private RCHE operators.</li> </ul> <p>The Administration's advice that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) it was expected that, similar to EBPS, there would be specific requirements in terms of spatial standard and manpower provision under the RCSV Pilot Scheme. The relevant Consultant Team ("CT") was considering whether there was a need for additional requirements;</li> <li>(b) regarding the evaluation of service quality of private RCHEs, at present private RCHEs which had participated in and been accredited under the relevant service quality accreditation schemes would be accorded higher scores under the EBPS selection process; and</li> </ul>	



		<p>(c) resources had been allocated to SWD to strengthen the regulatory work of private RCHEs. SWD would also continue to implement and expand the work of the Service Quality Group Scheme on RCHEs under which community personalities paid regular unannounced visits to different types of RCHEs. Similar visits were also arranged for RCHDs.</p>	
020245 - 020654	<p>Chairman Mr LEUNG Yiu-chung Admin</p>	<p>Mr LEUNG Yiu-chung's query about the Administration's commitment to increasing the provision of subsidized RCS in view of its intention to implement the RCSV Pilot Scheme.</p> <p>Mr LEUNG's view that instead of deploying public resources to reorganization of LORCHE, the Administration should use such resources for setting up more subsidized RCHEs, including earmarking such facilities in new public housing estate developments. Also, the Administration should set a service target for provision of RCS.</p> <p>The Administration's advice as follows:</p> <p>(a) the reorganization of LORCHE was an initiative in response to the community concern about the service quality of private RCHEs. The objective was to further strengthen the mechanism for monitoring RCHEs; and</p> <p>(b) as regards increase in the provision of subsidized residential care places, some of the 13 development projects for the setting up of contract RCHEs or contract RCHEs with DCUs mentioned earlier were new public housing estate projects, such as Shek Mun Estate Phase II, Sha Tin, and some of them were from private development projects.</p>	
020655 - 021217	<p>Chairman Dr LAW Chi-kwong of CT</p>	<p>The Chairman's enquiry about whether CT had conducted assessment on the needs of CCS. His view that quality CCS could help reduce the needs of RCS so as to achieve a balance between the two types of services.</p> <p>Dr LAW Chi-kwong's response as follows:</p> <p>(a) in the formulation of the Elderly Services Programme Plan ("ESPP"), the CT concerned would take into consideration the service needs for RCS, having regard to the ageing trend and the considerable increase in the elderly population. It was expected that there would be a provision of 12 000</p>	

		residential care places and 3 000 RCS vouchers from now till 2026. Consideration would be given to setting service target for RCS; and  (b) service needs for CCS would also be considered in conjunction with the related policy initiatives, such as housing policy.	
021218 - 021403	Chairman HKPNHOA	View of HKPNHOA's representative on the existing mechanism, such as the statutory minimum wage and QF, which would help govern the wage level as well as qualifications and working experience of the frontline staff engaged in the elderly care sector. As such, it would help avoid embezzling of government subvention by RCHE operators.	
021404 - 022014	Chairman	5-minute break for the meeting	
<b><u>Session Two</u></b>			
022015 - 022121	Chairman	Opening remarks for Session Two	
022122 - 022131	Chairman The Salvation Army	Presentation of views	
022132 - 022450	Chairman The Elderly Services Association of Hong Kong	Presentation of views [LC Paper No. CB(2)1127/15-16(02)]	
022451 - 022806	Chairman 優質院舍聯席	Presentation of views [LC Paper No. CB(2)1105/15-16(07)]	
022807 - 023121	Chairman Labour Party	Presentation of views	
023122 - 023349	Chairman 買位院舍關注組	Presentation of views	
023350 - 023705	Chairman 安老政策研究專責 小組	Presentation of views	
023706 - 023940	Chairman 長者大聯盟	Presentation of views	
023941 - 024254	Chairman 私營院舍關注組	Presentation of views	
024255 - 024622	Chairman Information Technology Development for the Elderly	Presentation of views [LC Paper No. CB(2)1141/15-16(02)]	

024623 - 024950	Chairman 安老服務質素關注組	Presentation of views	
024951 - 025311	Chairman 長者服務工作組	Presentation of views	
025312 - 025522	Chairman 香港長者活力協會	Presentation of views	
025523 - 025809	Chairman 銀齡發展聯席	Presentation of views [LC Paper No. CB(2)1141/15-16(03)]	
025810 - 030145	Chairman The Hong Kong Council of Social Service, Specialized Committee on Elderly Service	Presentation of views	
030146 - 030519	Chairman Mr CHEUNG Kie	Presentation of views	
030520 - 030828	Chairman Mr FUNG Hing	Presentation of views	
030829 - 031137	Chairman 長者政策監察聯席 之友	Presentation of views	
031138 - 031434	Chairman 香港基督教服務處 長者評議會	Presentation of views	
031435 - 031750	Chairman Hong Kong Christian Service (Elderly Core Business)	Presentation of views	
031751 - 032027	Chairman The Hong Kong Council of Social Service, Working Group on Long Term Care Service	Presentation of views	
032028 - 032301	Chairman Chinese Young Men's Christian Association of Hong Kong Chai Wan Neighbourhood Elderly Centre	Presentation of views	
032302 - 032625	Chairman Baptist Oi Kwan Social Service	Presentation of views	

032626 - 032940	Chairman Evangelical Lutheran Church Social Service – Hong Kong	Presentation of views	
032941 - 033251	Chairman The Hong Kong Council of Social Service	Presentation of views	
033252 - 033530	Chairman Care for Elderly Association	Presentation of views	
033531 - 033853	Chairman Elderly Community Care Services Concern Group	Presentation of views [LC Paper No. CB(2)1141/15-16(04)]	
033854 - 034158	Chairman 社工復興運動—反 「院舍券」社工陣 線	Presentation of views [LC Paper No. CB(2)1105/15-16(08)]	
034159 - 034506	Chairman 長期護理關注平台	Presentation of views	
034507 - 034827	Chairman 人手比例不符最低 工資關注組	Presentation of views	
034828 - 035131	Chairman 長者服務專業小組	Presentation of views	
035132 - 040144	Chairman Admin	<p>The Chairman's summary of issues raised by deputations, including different views on the implementation of RCSV Pilot Scheme, end-of-life care services at RCHEs, estimation of 60% of elderly persons in RCHEs suffering from dementia, case management, monitoring of RCHEs, need for an evaluation system for RCHEs, bottom line of service quality of RCHEs and clarifications on the issuance of certificate of exemption for RCHDs.</p> <p>The Administration's response to the view of deputations as follows:</p> <p><u>RCSV Pilot Scheme</u></p> <p>According to the preliminary recommendation put forth by the relevant CT, RCHEs with spatial standards and staff establishment reaching EA1 standard or above could participate in the RCSV Pilot Scheme, including private/self-financing/contract RCHEs.</p>	

		<p><u>Elderly persons with dementia</u></p> <p>(a) as mentioned earlier, SWD had been allocating DS on an annual basis to subvented RCHEs, private RCHEs participating in EBPS and subvented day care centres for the elderly/DCUs to facilitate service units to enhance care and support for elderly persons with dementia. Review on DS allocation would be conducted from time to time. In 2016-2017, 230 million had been earmarked for provision of DS;</p> <p>(b) there was provision of dementia care training for staff of RCHEs;</p> <p>(c) since 2014-2015, additional recurrent funding had been given to the 41 District Elderly Community Centres to employ more social workers with a view to enhancing the support services for elderly persons with dementia and their carers; and</p> <p>(d) a two-year pilot scheme would be launched to enhance the dementia support services in the community setting through a medical-social collaboration model. The pilot scheme was expected to be launched in end-2016.</p> <p><u>Certificate of exemption for operating RCHDs</u></p> <p>Currently, 40 RCHDs operated with a valid licence. For other RCHDs that existed immediately before the commencement date of the Residential Care Homes (Persons with Disabilities) Ordinance (i.e. 18 November 2011) but were unable to comply fully with the licensing requirements, Certificate of exemption might be issued in order to allow reasonable time for these RCHDs to carry out improvement works for meeting the licensing requirements and standards, such as fire safety. SWD was actively following up on the issuance of licences for RCHDs.</p> <p>The Administration's stress that it would continue to identify suitable sites for new RCHEs, notwithstanding the fact that there were similar needs for various welfare and leisure facilities.</p>	
040145 - 040858	Chairman Deputy Chairman Admin	The Deputy Chairman's reservations about the service quality of private RCHEs, in particular after the outbreak of elder abuse cases recently, as well as the implementation of the RCSV Pilot Scheme.	

		<p>The Deputy Chairman's reiteration of his concern/suggestions raised in Session One.</p> <p>The Administration's response as follows:</p> <p>(a) in June 2015, in view of the public concern over the quality of private RCHEs, the Elderly Commission ("EC") asked CT to further elaborate on the detailed design of RCS Voucher with a view to enhancing the service quality assurance mechanisms of the proposed RCSV Pilot Scheme. Details, including whether accreditation of RCHEs should be included, would be discussed in EC's report to be submitted to the Administration; and</p> <p>(b) the Administration was committed to strengthening the monitoring of RCHEs. Details on inspection and monitoring of RCHEs, as provided in Session One, were reiterated, including reorganization of LORCHE and its work as well as the setting up of a dedicated webpage on RCHEs.</p>	
<p>040859 - 041612</p>	<p>Chairman Mr LEUNG Yiu-chung Admin Dr LAW Chi-kwong of CT</p>	<p>Mr LEUNG Yiu-chung's view that the projected increase in the provision of residential care places, i.e. an average of annual increase of 1 200 places from 2016 – 2026, could hardly meet the service demand in the light of fast ageing population.</p> <p>The Administration's advice that in assisting EC in the formulation of ESPP for the purpose of enhancing the planning for elderly services, CT concerned would make reference to different statistics including the latest population projection of 2015 – 2064 and take into consideration issues relating to the service scope, such as progress, direction and strategies.</p> <p>Dr LAW Chi-kwong' response as follows:</p> <p>(a) having regard to the lack of planning for elderly services years ago, the forthcoming service provision might not be able to meet the service needs;</p> <p>(b) some 4% of the elderly population required RCS. It was expected that the proportion would increase, having regard to the ageing population. Consideration would be given to include in ESPP a service target for the elderly population in need of the service; and</p> <p>(c) issues concerning provision of CCS for demented elderly as well as end-of-life care services at RCHEs would also be included in ESPP.</p>	

041613 - 041843	Chairman Admin	<p>The Administration's response to the Chairman's suggestion/enquiry as follows:</p> <p>(a) the Administration had no plan of conducting a pilot scheme on provision of RCS for demented elderly. The suggestion would be further studied; and</p> <p>(b) the suggestion of providing wage supplement to frontline staff for undertaking noxious work in RCHEs to stabilize the manpower involved use of public resources. It needed to be studied in the wider context of the overall provision of elderly services.</p> <p>The Administration's advice that it would take note of the views and concerns expressed by deputations and members.</p>	
041844 - 041906	Chairman	The Chairman's invitation of further views from deputations.	
041907 - 042013	Chairman The Salvation Army	Presentation of further views	
042014 - 042125	Chairman The Elderly Services Association of Hong Kong	Presentation of further views	
042126 - 042146	Chairman 安老政策研究專責 小組	Presentation of further views	
042147 - 042314	Chairman 私營院舍關注組	Presentation of further views	
042315 - 042427	Chairman 安老服務質素關注 組	Presentation of further views	
042428 - 042527	Chairman The Hong Kong Council of Social Service, Specialized Committee on Elderly Service	Presentation of further views	
042528 - 042625	Chairman The Hong Kong Council of Social Service, Working Group on Long Term Care Service	Presentation of further views	

042626 - 042749	Chairman Evangelical Lutheran Church Social Service – Hong Kong	Presentation of further views	
042750 - 042836	Chairman 社工復興運動一反 「院舍券」社工陣 線	Presentation of further views	
042837 - 042937	Chairman 人手比例不符最低 工資關注組	Presentation of further views	
042938 - 043045	Chairman 優質院舍聯席	Presentation of further views	
043046 - 043414	Chairman Admin	<p>In response to the further views of deputations, the Administration's advice as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) SWD would continue with the "First-hire-then-train" Pilot Project as well as the Navigation Scheme for Young Persons in Care Services to attract young entrants to the elderly care sector, so as to address the problem of manpower shortage in the sector;</li> <li>(b) CT would take note of deputations' views on end-of-life issues which would be included in ESPP;</li> <li>(c) in 2013, the Review Committee on Mental Health under the Food and Health Bureau set up an Expert Group on Dementia to review the existing dementia care services. The Expert Group would put forth recommendations to enhance the mode of provision of dementia support services in the community; and</li> <li>(d) SWD had commissioned Sau Po Centre on Ageing of the University of Hong Kong to conduct a project on enhancement of the infrastructure of long-term care in Hong Kong, including exploring the development of outcome indicators. The project findings would provide reference for monitoring quality of elderly services.</li> </ul> <p>The Administration's stress that it was committed to meeting the challenges of improving both the quality and quantity of elderly services.</p>	



043415 - 043555	Chairman	The Chairman sought clarifications as to whether elderly persons with disabilities aged over 60 would be provided with RCS or rehabilitation services.  Concluding remarks	
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