

立法會
Legislative Council

LC Paper No. CB(3) 432/16-17

Ref : CB(3)/M/MM

Tel : 3919 3300

Date : 24 March 2017

From : Clerk to the Legislative Council

To : All Members of the Legislative Council

Council meeting of 29 March 2017

**Amendments to motion on
“Urgently improving public healthcare services in Kowloon East”**

Further to LC Paper No. CB(3) 411/16-17 issued on 16 March 2017, six Members (Hon HO Kai-ming, Dr Hon Pierre CHAN, Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki, Hon WU Chi-wai, Hon SHIU Ka-chun and Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung) have respectively given notice of their intention to move separate amendments to Hon Wilson OR’s motion on “Urgently improving public healthcare services in Kowloon East” scheduled for the Council meeting of 29 March 2017. As directed by the President, the respective amendments will be printed in the terms in which they were handed in on the Agenda of the Council.

2. The President will order a joint debate on the above motion and the six amendments. To assist Members in debating the motion and the amendments, I set out below the procedure to be followed during the debate:

- (a) the President calls upon Hon Wilson OR to speak and move his motion;
- (b) the President proposes the question on Hon Wilson OR’s motion;
- (c) the President calls upon the six Members who wish to move amendments to speak in the following order, but no amendment is to be moved at this stage:
 - (i) Hon HO Kai-ming;
 - (ii) Dr Hon Pierre CHAN;

- (iii) Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki;
 - (iv) Hon WU Chi-wai;
 - (v) Hon SHIU Ka-chun; and
 - (vi) Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung;
- (d) the President calls upon the public officer(s) to speak;
 - (e) the President invites other Members to speak;
 - (f) the President gives leave to Hon Wilson OR to speak for the second time on the amendments;
 - (g) the President calls upon the public officer(s) to speak again;
 - (h) in accordance with Rule 34(5) of the Rules of Procedure, the President has decided that he will call upon the six Members to move their respective amendments in the order set out in paragraph (c) above. The President invites Hon HO Kai-ming to move his amendment to the motion, and forthwith proposes and puts to vote the question on Hon HO Kai-ming's amendment;
 - (i) after Hon HO Kai-ming's amendment has been voted upon, the President deals with the other five amendments; and
 - (j) after all amendments have been dealt with, the President calls upon Hon Wilson OR to reply. Thereafter, the President puts to vote the question on Hon Wilson OR's motion, or his motion as amended, as the case may be.

3. For Members' reference, the terms of the original motion and of the motion, if amended, are set out in the **Appendix**.

(Dora WAI)
for Clerk to the Legislative Council

Encl.

(Translation)

**Motion debate on
“Urgently improving public healthcare services in Kowloon East”
to be held at the Council meeting of 29 March 2017**

1. Hon Wilson OR’s original motion

That at present, public healthcare services in Kowloon East fail to effectively respond to the persistently growing demand for healthcare services resulting from population increase and ageing in the district, and the waiting time for stable new case booking for specialist outpatient services of specialties such as eye, orthopaedics and traumatology, medicine and surgery is longer than the territory-wide average waiting time; in this connection, this Council urges the Government to urgently improve public healthcare services in Kowloon East to protect and promote public health; the relevant measures include:

- (1) allocating additional resources to shorten the waiting time for specialist outpatient services and general outpatient services of public hospitals in Kowloon East;
- (2) expeditiously introducing 24-hour accident and emergency services and 24-hour general outpatient services in the Wong Tai Sin district;
- (3) expeditiously implementing the Our Lady of Maryknoll Hospital redevelopment project;
- (4) expediting the completion of the United Christian Hospital expansion project;
- (5) expeditiously constructing the Kai Tak Hospital and ensuring its full commissioning in 2024;
- (6) ensuring that the Hong Kong Children’s Hospital, which is expected to be completed in 2017, will be fully commissioned as soon as possible;
- (7) expanding the Elderly Dental Assistance Programme of the Community Care Fund to cover all elderly persons who are Old Age Living Allowance recipients aged 65 or above;
- (8) allocating additional resources to enhance the public-private partnership programme in healthcare; and

- (9) expanding the types of subsidized drugs in the Drug Formulary of the Hospital Authority.

2. Motion as amended by Hon HO Kai-ming

That ~~at present, public healthcare services in Kowloon East fail~~ ***public healthcare services in Kowloon East have all along failed*** to effectively respond to the persistently growing demand for healthcare services resulting from population increase and ageing in the district, and the waiting time for stable new case booking for specialist outpatient services of specialties such as eye, orthopaedics and traumatology, medicine and surgery is longer than the territory-wide average waiting time; in this connection, this Council urges the Government to urgently improve public healthcare services in Kowloon East to protect and promote public health; the relevant measures include:

- (1) ***according to the population characteristics of the Kowloon East Cluster, appropriately*** allocating additional resources to shorten the waiting time for specialist outpatient services and general outpatient services of public hospitals in Kowloon East;
- (2) expeditiously introducing 24-hour accident and emergency services and 24-hour general outpatient services in the Wong Tai Sin district;
- (3) expeditiously implementing the Our Lady of Maryknoll Hospital redevelopment project;
- (4) expediting the completion of the United Christian Hospital expansion project;
- (5) expeditiously constructing the Kai Tak Hospital and ensuring its full commissioning in 2024;
- (6) ensuring that the Hong Kong Children's Hospital, which is expected to be completed in 2017, will be fully commissioned as soon as possible;
- (7) expanding the Elderly Dental Assistance Programme of the Community Care Fund to cover all elderly persons who are Old Age Living Allowance recipients aged 65 or above, ***and introducing elderly dental care vouchers to support grass-roots elderly persons in treating oral health problems;***
- (8) allocating additional resources to enhance the public-private partnership programme in healthcare; ~~and~~

- (9) expanding the types of subsidized drugs in the Drug Formulary of the Hospital Authority;
- (10) *setting up additional community health centres to provide residents of Kowloon East with one-stop primary healthcare services covering general outpatient services, chronic disease management, health education, etc., so as to relieve the pressure on services of public hospitals in the district;*
- (11) *setting up a Joint Replacement Centre in the Kowloon East Cluster to shorten the waiting time for total joint replacement surgery;*
- (12) *increasing the deployment of mobile clinics to provide simple medical treatment and physical check-up services to elderly persons and people with impaired mobility in the district;*
- (13) *providing the public with sufficient information on healthcare services through various platforms, such as a list of private clinics providing evening consultation services in the district and the operating hours of private clinics during long holidays in the district; and*
- (14) *increasing the amount of Elderly Healthcare Vouchers and strengthening the monitoring of providers of relevant healthcare services.*

Note: Hon HO Kai-ming's amendment is marked in *bold and italic type* or with deletion line.

3. Motion as amended by Dr Hon Pierre CHAN

That ~~at present,~~ *as* public healthcare services in Kowloon East fail to effectively respond to the persistently growing demand for healthcare services resulting from population increase and ageing ~~in the district, and the waiting time for stable new case booking for specialist outpatient services of specialties such as eye, orthopaedics and traumatology, medicine and surgery is longer than the territory wide average waiting time;~~ in this connection, this Council urges the Government to urgently improve public healthcare services in Kowloon East to protect and promote public health; the relevant measures include:

- (1) *in accordance with a population-based funding model*, allocating additional resources to shorten the waiting time for specialist outpatient

services and general outpatient services of public hospitals in ***Hong Kong, with a view to benefiting residents of Kowloon East***;

- (2) expeditiously ~~introducing 24-hour accident and emergency services and~~ ***studying the introduction of 24-hour general outpatient services in the Wong Tai Sin district various districts in Hong Kong, with a view to benefiting residents of Kowloon East***;
- (3) expeditiously implementing the Our Lady of Maryknoll Hospital redevelopment project;
- (4) expediting the completion of the ~~United Christian Hospital expansion project~~ ***expansion projects of the United Christian Hospital and the Haven of Hope Hospital which belong to the Kowloon East Cluster***;
- (5) expeditiously constructing the Kai Tak Hospital and ensuring its full commissioning in 2024;
- (6) ensuring that the Hong Kong Children's Hospital, which is expected to be completed in 2017, will be fully commissioned as soon as possible;
- (7) expanding the Elderly Dental Assistance Programme of the Community Care Fund to cover all elderly persons who are Old Age Living Allowance recipients aged 65 or above;
- (8) allocating additional resources to enhance the public-private partnership programme in healthcare; and
- (9) expanding the types of subsidized drugs in the Drug Formulary of the Hospital Authority.

Note: Dr Hon Pierre CHAN's amendment is marked in ***bold and italic type*** or with deletion line.

4. Motion as amended by Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki

That, ***given the rapid growth in the population of Hong Kong and the serious problem of population ageing, there has been an increasing demand from the people for public healthcare services***; at present, public healthcare services in Kowloon East fail to effectively respond to the persistently growing demand for healthcare services resulting from population increase and ageing ~~in the district,~~ ***and; apart from inadequate primary healthcare services in the district, such as elderly health centres, woman health centres and maternal and child health***

centres, the waiting time for stable new case booking for specialist outpatient services of specialties such as *psychiatry*, eye, orthopaedics and traumatology, medicine and surgery is longer than the territory-wide average waiting time; in this connection, this Council urges the Government to urgently improve public healthcare services in Kowloon East to protect and promote public health; the relevant measures include:

- (1) allocating additional resources to shorten the waiting time for specialist outpatient services and general outpatient services of public hospitals in Kowloon East;
- (2) expeditiously introducing 24-hour accident and emergency services and 24-hour general outpatient services in the Wong Tai Sin district;
- (3) expeditiously implementing the Our Lady of Maryknoll Hospital redevelopment project;
- (4) expediting the completion of the United Christian Hospital expansion project;
- (5) expeditiously constructing the Kai Tak Hospital and ensuring its full commissioning in 2024;
- (6) ensuring that the Hong Kong Children's Hospital, which is expected to be completed in 2017, will be fully commissioned as soon as possible;
- (7) expanding the Elderly Dental Assistance Programme of the Community Care Fund to cover all elderly persons who are Old Age Living Allowance recipients aged 65 or above;
- (8) allocating additional resources to enhance the public-private partnership programme in healthcare; ~~and~~
- (9) expanding the types of subsidized drugs in the Drug Formulary of the Hospital Authority;
- (10) *allocating additional resources to improve the psychiatric services in Kowloon East by, among others, increasing healthcare manpower ratios and introducing evening consultation services;*
- (11) *setting up more elderly health centres, woman health centres and maternal and child health centres in Kowloon East, so as to increase service quotas and shorten the waiting time of residents for health assessments;*

- (12) *setting up additional public dental clinics in Kowloon East, perfecting the existing public dental services by, among others, introducing services such as scaling, filling and crowning, increasing the number of service sessions and quotas in public dental clinics, and by making reference to the School Dental Care Service, introducing an ‘elderly dental care service’ to provide elderly persons with dental examination and scaling services once a year, so as to treat the oral health problems of elderly persons as early as possible, thereby enhancing the dental services for residents of Kowloon East, especially elderly persons, children, low-income persons and people with special needs (such as persons with intellectual disabilities) in the district;*
- (13) *improving the general outpatient clinic telephone appointment system and deploying more manpower to answer calls for booking appointments, so as to assist people in need (including elderly persons) in Kowloon East in booking consultation appointments; and*
- (14) *enhancing the evening consultation services in hospitals with an accident and emergency department in Kowloon East and introducing consultation timeslots on holidays, so as to alleviate the pressure on the accident and emergency departments.*

Note: Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki’s amendment is marked in *bold and italic type* or with deletion line.

5. Motion as amended by Hon WU Chi-wai

~~That at present, public healthcare services in Kowloon East fail~~ *public healthcare services in Kowloon East have all along failed* to effectively respond to the persistently growing demand for healthcare services resulting from population increase and ageing in the district, and the waiting time for stable new case booking for specialist outpatient services of specialties such as eye, orthopaedics and traumatology, medicine and surgery is longer than the territory-wide average waiting time; in this connection, this Council urges the Government to urgently improve public healthcare services in Kowloon East to protect and promote public health; the relevant measures include:

- (1) allocating additional resources to shorten the waiting time for specialist outpatient services and general outpatient services of public hospitals in Kowloon East;
- (2) expeditiously introducing 24-hour accident and emergency services and 24-hour general outpatient services in the Wong Tai Sin district, *and increasing the provision of general outpatient services, evening*

consultation services, holiday outpatient services and overnight outpatient services in Kowloon East;

- (3) expeditiously implementing the Our Lady of Maryknoll Hospital redevelopment project *to provide 24-hour outpatient services, so as to mitigate the shortage of accident and emergency services in Kowloon East;*
- (4) expediting the completion of the United Christian Hospital expansion project;
- (5) expeditiously constructing the Kai Tak Hospital and ensuring its full commissioning in 2024;
- (6) ensuring that the Hong Kong Children's Hospital, which is expected to be completed in 2017, will be fully commissioned as soon as possible;
- (7) expanding the Elderly Dental Assistance Programme of the Community Care Fund to cover all elderly persons who are Old Age Living Allowance recipients aged 65 or above, *and, by making reference to the General Outpatient Clinic Public Private Partnership Programme, providing subsidies for elderly persons to receive dental examination in private clinics once every year;*
- (8) allocating additional resources to enhance the public-private partnership programme in healthcare; ~~and~~
- (9) ~~expanding the types of subsidized drugs in~~ *reviewing* the Drug Formulary *and the drugs subsidy system* of the Hospital Authority, *and expanding the types of subsidized drugs;*
- (10) *setting up a seed fund to subsidize the public to undergo regular physical check-ups and hence perfecting the primary healthcare services, with a view to benefiting residents of Kowloon East; and*
- (11) *formulating detailed development plans for sites earmarked for construction of hospitals or clinics in Kowloon East and expeditiously implementing those plans.*

Note: Hon WU Chi-wai's amendment is marked in *bold and italic type* or with deletion line.

6. Motion as amended by Hon SHIU Ka-chun

That at present, public healthcare services in Kowloon East fail to effectively respond to the ~~persistently~~ growing demand for healthcare services resulting from population ~~increase and ageing~~ *change* in the district, and *apart from inadequate general outpatient services*, the waiting time for stable new case booking for specialist outpatient services of specialties such as *psychiatry*, eye, orthopaedics and traumatology, medicine and surgery is longer than the territory-wide average waiting time; in this connection, this Council urges the Government to urgently improve public healthcare services in Kowloon East to protect and promote public health; the relevant measures include:

- (1) allocating additional resources to shorten the waiting time for specialist outpatient services and general outpatient services of public hospitals in Kowloon East;
- (2) *extending the service hours of general outpatient clinics in Kowloon East, such as introducing evening consultation services and providing 24-hour outpatient services;*
- (3) *extending the service hours of psychiatric specialist outpatient clinics in Kowloon East, such as introducing evening consultation services;*
- ~~(2)~~(4) expeditiously introducing 24-hour accident and emergency services and 24-hour general outpatient services in the Wong Tai Sin district;
- ~~(3)~~(5) expeditiously implementing the Our Lady of Maryknoll Hospital redevelopment project;
- ~~(4)~~(6) expediting the completion of the United Christian Hospital expansion project;
- ~~(5)~~(7) expeditiously constructing the Kai Tak Hospital and ensuring its full commissioning in 2024;
- ~~(6)~~(8) ensuring that the Hong Kong Children's Hospital, which is expected to be completed in 2017, will be fully commissioned as soon as possible;
- ~~(7)~~(9) expanding the Elderly Dental Assistance Programme of the Community Care Fund to cover all elderly persons who are Old Age Living Allowance recipients aged 65 or above;
- ~~(8)~~—allocating additional resources to enhance the public-private partnership programme in healthcare; and

~~(9)~~(10) expanding the types of subsidized drugs in the Drug Formulary of the Hospital Authority; *and*

(11) *making financing and planning for public healthcare services to enhance primary healthcare and disease prevention services, with a view to benefiting residents of Kowloon East.*

Note: Hon SHIU Ka-chun's amendment is marked in *bold and italic type* or with deletion line.

7. Motion as amended by Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung

That at present, public healthcare services in Kowloon East fail to effectively respond to the persistently growing demand for healthcare services resulting from population increase and ageing in the district, and the waiting time for stable new case booking for specialist outpatient services of specialties such as eye, orthopaedics and traumatology, medicine and surgery is longer than the territory-wide average waiting time; in this connection, this Council urges the Government to urgently improve public healthcare services in Kowloon East to protect and promote public health; the relevant measures include:

- (1) allocating additional resources to shorten the waiting time for specialist outpatient services and general outpatient services of public hospitals in Kowloon East;
- (2) expeditiously introducing 24-hour accident and emergency services and *year-round* 24-hour general outpatient services in the Wong Tai Sin district;
- (3) expeditiously implementing the Our Lady of Maryknoll Hospital redevelopment project;
- (4) expediting the completion of the United Christian Hospital expansion project;
- (5) expeditiously constructing the Kai Tak Hospital and ensuring its full commissioning in 2024;
- (6) ensuring that the Hong Kong Children's Hospital, which is expected to be completed in 2017, will be fully commissioned as soon as possible;
- (7) expanding the Elderly Dental Assistance Programme of the Community Care Fund to cover all elderly persons who are Old Age Living

Allowance recipients aged 65 or above, *setting up additional public dental clinics and extending the service scope of public dental clinics to cover regular dental examination, scaling, crowning, filling, etc., with a view to benefiting residents of Kowloon East;*

- (8) allocating additional resources to enhance the public-private partnership programme in healthcare, *so as to provide patients with affordable and quality healthcare services, and establishing a mechanism to ensure that patients referred by public hospitals to private hospitals for treatment can be arranged to return to public hospitals for continued treatment when necessary;* and
- (9) expanding *and expediting the approval of* the types of subsidized drugs in the Drug Formulary of the Hospital Authority *by, among others, incorporating as subsidized drugs Vemurafenib (a skin cancer drug), Afatinib (a lung cancer drug), as well as Natalizumab and Fingolimod (interferons for multiple sclerosis), which are listed in the Formulary; apart from expeditiously including Eculizumab (a drug for treating paroxysmal nocturnal hemoglobinuria) and Osimertinib (a drug for the advanced stage of lung cancer), which are clinically proven to be effective, in the Drug Formulary, incorporating these drugs as subsidized drugs to ensure appropriate treatment for patients.*

Note: Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung's amendment is marked in *bold and italic type*.