

Panel on Welfare Services

List of outstanding items for discussion

(position as at 6 January 2017)

**Proposed timing
for discussion**

1. Provision of elderly and rehabilitation service facilities in Sai Kung, Sha Tin, Wong Chuk Hang and Lei Yue Mun

Item proposed by the Administration.

9 January 2017

The Administration will brief the Panel on the proposed provision of elderly and rehabilitation service facilities in Sai Kung, Sha Tin, Wong Chuk Hang and Lei Yue Mun. The facilities include (i) one integrated welfare service complex which will provide both elderly and rehabilitation services in Sai Kung; (ii) one hostel for severely mentally handicapped persons cum day activity centre, one hostel for moderately mentally handicapped persons ("HMMH"), one hostel for severely physically handicapped persons and an integrated vocational rehabilitation services centre ("IVRSC") in Sha Tin; (iii) one HMMH cum IVRSC in Wong Chuk Hang; and (iv) one special child care centre cum early education and training centre in Lei Yue Mun.

2. Support measures for low-income households not living in public housing and not receiving Comprehensive Social Security Assistance

Item proposed by Hon SHIU Ka-chun.

The Administration will brief the Panel on the support measures for low-income families not living in public housing.

9 January 2017

**Proposed timing
for discussion**

3. Care support services provided for elderly persons discharged from public hospitals after treatment

The Administration will brief the Panel on the care support services provided for elderly persons discharged from public hospitals after treatment.

13 February 2017

4. Social service support for street sleepers

Item proposed by Hon SHIU Ka-chun. He wishes to explore as soon as possible social service support for street sleepers. The Labour and Welfare Bureau ("LWB") suggested that the Panel should discuss the subject matter jointly with the Panel on Home Affairs. According to HAB, while the item does not fall within the policy of HAB, it is prepared to provide inputs where appropriate together with other bureau such as LWB, depending on the specific issues which the Panel may wish to discuss under this broad subject.

The Administration will brief the Panel at its meeting on 13 February 2017 on the social welfare service support for the street sleepers, including the Integrated Services Teams for Street Sleepers, the urban hostels/emergency shelters, etc.

13 February 2017

Services for elderly

5. Elderly Services Programme Plan

The Administration briefed members on the progress of the formulation of the Elderly Services Programme Plan ("the Programme Plan") at the Panel meeting on 14 November 2016. The Panel held a special meeting on 29 November 2016 to receive public views on the Programme Plan.

July 2017

The Administration advised that the Elderly Commission is expected to submit the report of the Programme Plan in the second quarter of 2017. The Administration plans to brief members on the report in July 2017.

**Proposed timing
for discussion**

6. Review of Residential Care Homes (Elderly Persons) Ordinance (Cap. 459)

The Panel of the Fifth Legislative Council ("LegCo") ("the former Panel") acceded to Prof Hon Joseph LEE's request for holding a joint meeting with the Panel on Health Services to discuss the Residential Care Homes (Elderly Persons) Ordinance (Cap. 459) with a view to improving the quality of these residential care homes ("RCHs").

To be decided

7. Care services for elderly persons with special needs

The Subcommittee on Issues Relating to the Future Development of Elderly Services Schemes formed under the former Panel had studied, inter alia, the care services for elderly persons with special needs. The Subcommittee submitted its report (LC Paper No. CB(2)1902/15-16) to the former Panel in July 2016. In its report the Subcommittee suggested that the Panel should follow up the provision of services by the Administration for elderly persons with chronic diseases, dementia or disabilities as well as elderly persons from ethnic minorities and from sexual minorities.

To be decided

8. Infirmity care in non-hospital setting

The Administration consulted the Panel of the Third LegCo in December 2004 on a proposal to launch a trial scheme to provide infirmity care places for medically stable elders in a non-hospital setting. Various options are being explored, including upgrading some of the places in subvented RCHs for the elderly to provide infirmity care. The Administration will report the progress in due course.

To be decided

Social security

9. Review of Old Age Living Allowance

Item proposed by Hon LEUNG Che-cheung.

To be decided

**Proposed timing
for discussion**

The Administration has undertaken to review the Old Age Living Allowance one year after its implementation and report the outcome of the review to the Panel.

Hon CHAN Chi-chuen has requested that the Administration should complete the review and report the outcome to the Panel as soon as possible.

10. Review of Disability Allowance and the system for processing application thereof

The subject was discussed at the special meeting of the former Panel on 3 May 2016. The former Panel suggested that the subject should be revisited in the Sixth LegCo.

To be decided

Support for underprivileged groups with special needs in the community

11. Proposal for formation of a subcommittee on issues relating to welfare of people with disabilities

Item proposed by Miss CHAN Yuen-han.

To be decided

12. Community care support for persons suffering from dementia and their carers

Item proposed by Dr Hon Helena WONG.

To be decided

13. Review of mental health services – welfare-related issues

Item proposed by Mr CHEUNG Kwok-che.

To be decided

Hon SHIU Ka-chun suggested discussing the review of services provided by Integrated Community Centres for Mental Wellness of the Social Welfare Department ("SWD").

**Proposed timing
for discussion**

14. Community care and support services for persons with disabilities

The former Panel acceded to Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG's request (LC Paper No. CB(2)401/15-16(02)) for discussion of issues relating to community care and support services for persons with disabilities.

To be decided

The Panel acceded to Hon YUNG Hoi-yan's request (LC Paper No. CB(2)253/16-17(01)) for discussion of issues relating to autistic adults.

15. Issues relating to students with special educational needs

Item proposed by Hon Alvin YEUNG. He also suggested that the Panel on Education be invited to join the relevant discussion.

To be decided

Welfare services for families, youth and children

16. The proposed legislation to implement the recommendations of the Law Reform Commission Report on Child Custody and Access

Item proposed by the Administration.

Second quarter of
2017

Hon SHIU Ka-chun suggested that the discussion should also cover support services for divorced parents.

17. Welfare measures for facilitating children and youth development

The former Panel agreed to explore whether to discuss the issue "Exploring a way out for young people in respect of welfare, education and employment, etc. under deep-rooted social conflicts in light of the Mongkok Riot occurred on 8 February 2016".

To be decided

**Proposed timing
for discussion**

Hon SHIU Ka-chun suggested discussing as soon as possible the captioned subject matter which also covers the issue mentioned above.

18. Provision of child care services and after-school care services

Dr Hon Helena WONG suggested on 20 January 2014 (LC Paper No. CB(2)748/13-14(01)) that the former Panel should fix a date for discussing the subject and receiving views from deputations.

To be decided

The subject was covered in the discussion of "Measures to unleash labour force in families for increasing the grassroots' income" by the former Subcommittee on Poverty at its meeting on 28 April 2015.

Dr Hon Helena WONG expressed concern at the Panel meeting on 18 October 2016 about support measures for carers and the progress of the consultancy study on the long-term development of child care services.

19. Mechanism for handling abuse cases relating to children from high risk families

The subject was discussed at the special meeting of the former Panel on 28 May 2016. The former Panel suggested that the subject should be revisited in the Sixth LegCo.

To be decided

The Administration has advised that the Subcommittee on Children's Rights formed under the House Committee ("HC") discussed the subject of support measures for children from drug abusing families at its meeting on 22 December 2016, and will discuss the subject of review on Multi-Disciplinary Case Conference and welfare plans for children at its meeting on 17 January 2017. The mechanism for handling abuse cases relating to children from high risk families has been and will be covered in the above items.

**Proposed timing
for discussion**

20. Review of the role and staff establishment of Integrated Family Service Centres of the Social Welfare Department

Item proposed by Hon SHIU Ka-chun.

To be decided

Social welfare planning and administration

21. Progress of implementing the Best Practice Manual under the Lump Sum Grant Subvention System

Item proposed by the Administration.

First quarter of
2017

22. Social welfare planning

Mr CHEUNG Kwok-che suggested that the former Panel should discuss social welfare planning.

To be decided

The former Panel discussed medium and long-term social welfare planning at its meetings on 19 February, 26 March and 8 July 2013. Members suggested that the Panel should discuss with the Administration progress of the subject matter as soon as possible.

Mr CHEUNG Kwok-che suggested that the Panel should discuss planning for rehabilitation services.

Miss CHAN Yuen-han suggested that the Panel should consider discussing the subject of setting targets for the provision of hostels for mentally handicapped persons, e.g. setting a target waiting time and a specific percentage of the total area of a new public housing project for such provision.

Dr Hon Helena WONG suggested that the Panel should discuss planning targets for the provision of child care places and residential care places for elderly persons and persons with disabilities.

**Proposed timing
for discussion**

23. Manpower of paramedical and supporting staff in the social welfare sector

Mr CHEUNG Kwok-che requested for discussion of the manpower situation of paramedical and supporting staff in the social welfare sector at a Panel meeting.

To be decided

24. Estate-based social welfare services planning

The former Panel discussed setting up social welfare facilities (excluding welfare blocks) in public housing premises at its meeting on 11 May 2015. Mr Frederick FUNG suggested that the subject be further discussed at a Panel meeting. Representatives of the Development Bureau and Planning Department should also be invited for the discussion.

To be decided

Hon SHIU Ka-chun suggested discussing estate-based social welfare services planning which should cover community service planning for new estates.

25. Amending Social Workers Registration Ordinance (Cap. 505)

Item proposed by Hon SHIU Ka-chun.

To be decided

Provision of welfare facilities

26. Setting up a care and attention home for severely disabled persons and a special child care centre cum early education and training centre in So Uk Estate Redevelopment Phase 1, Sham Shui Po

Item proposed by the Administration.

To be decided

27. Setting up an integrated welfare service complex in the vacant school premises in Tuen Mun

Item proposed by the Administration.

To be decided

**Proposed timing
for discussion**

- 28. Setting up a hostel for moderately mentally handicapped persons, an integrated vocational rehabilitation services centre and an integrated children and youth services centre in the Comprehensive Development Area development at Yau Tong Bay**

Item proposed by the Administration.

To be decided

- 29. Setting up an integrated welfare service complex in a set of vacant school premises in Tai Po**

Item proposed by the Administration.

To be decided

- 30. Provision of welfare service premises for the elderly and enhancement of facilities therein**

Item proposed by Mr CHEUNG Kwok-che.

To be decided

Poverty alleviation

- 31. Possible support for deprived communities**

Item proposed by Hon SHIU Ka-chun. He wishes to discuss as soon as possible support measures for deprived communities (i.e. people living in urban slum areas).

To be decided

- 32. Welfare support for grass-roots facing "Energy Poverty"**

Item proposed by Hon SHIU Ka-chun.

To be decided

Women welfare

- 33. Women-related issues (e.g. measures to unleash women workforce, female employees receiving less pay than male employees for equal work, long working hours, etc.)**

Item proposed by Miss CHAN Yuen-han.

To be decided

Retirement protection

34. Retirement protection

The former Panel and its Subcommittee on Retirement Protection studied the subject of retirement protection in the Fifth LegCo. The Subcommittee submitted its report (LC Paper No. CB(2)1871/15-16) to the former Panel in July 2016 and made a number of recommendations for the Administration's consideration. The Subcommittee also recommended that the Panel should follow up with the Administration on the matter.

To be decided

The Subcommittee on Retirement Protection has been formed under HC of the Sixth LegCo in October 2016.

The Administration has advised that it plans to brief the Panel on the updates of retirement protection in the policy briefing to be held in January/ February 2017.

Others

35. Charitable fund-raising activities

On 6 December 2013, the Law Reform Commission ("LRC") released its report on charities, which put forward a number of recommendations including those on monitoring charitable fund-raising activities. The Home Affairs Bureau ("HAB") is coordinating comments from relevant bureaux and departments for formulating the Administration's responses to the report.

To be decided

The Administration's responses and actions with regard to LRC reports are to be reported to the Panel on Administration of Justice and Legal Services ("the AJLS Panel"). HAB is planning to report progress to the AJLS Panel later when the responses are ready.

**Proposed timing
for discussion**

36. Issues relating to welfare of refugees, torture claimants and asylum seekers and proposed legislative amendments to the unified screening mechanism for non-refoulement claimants

Item proposed by Miss CHAN Yuen-han. She suggested that the Panel should hold a joint meeting with the Panel on Security to discuss the subject matter with the Administration.

To be decided

HC has agreed at its meeting on 28 October 2016 to appoint a subcommittee to follow up issues relating to the Unified Screening Mechanism for Non-refoulement Claims.

The Panel on Security discussed the subject of "Comprehensive review of strategy of handling non-refoulement claimants" at its meeting on 11 November 2016.

37. Policies on preventing abuse of elderly persons and of persons with intellectual disabilities

The former Panel suggested that the Panel should discuss policies on preventing abuse of elderly persons in RCHs and of persons with intellectual disabilities in schools/hostels for persons with intellectual disabilities.

To be decided

38. Support services for singletons

Item proposed by Hon SHIU Ka-chun.

To be decided