

Panel on Welfare Services

List of follow-up actions (position as at 6 January 2017)

Subject	Date of meeting	Follow-up action required	Administration's response
<p>1. Briefings by the Secretary for Labour and Welfare and the Secretary for Home Affairs on the Chief Executive's 2013 Policy Address</p>	<p>21 January 2013</p>	<p>The Administration was requested to provide information on, among others,:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the supply and demand for residential care services and community care services ("CCS") including day care services and home-based care services in the next five years; (b) steps to be taken by the Administration to address the problem of inter-generational poverty; (c) a list of social welfare problems existing in the community in the absence of social welfare planning since mid-1990s; (d) in respect of releasing the labour force of women who could not go to work because they had to take care of their families, whether the Administration would consider extending the service hour of after-school learning support to 7 pm or 8 pm; and 	<p>The Administration will provide the required information in due course.</p>

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		(e) the outcome of the Administration's discussion with the welfare sector on measures to meet the sector's demand for front-line care staff.	
2. Planning and inadequate provision of rehabilitation services for pre-school children	10 June 2013	The Administration was requested to provide information on the number of staff required for working and staff shortfall in each category of the rehabilitation sector as well as the lead time for training the relevant staff.	The Administration will provide the required information in due course.
3. Medium and long-term social welfare planning	8 July 2013	The Administration was requested to provide information on the needs for the elderly and rehabilitation services in the next five years.	The Administration will provide the required information in due course.
4. Shortage of supporting staff (including Programme Workers) in the social welfare sector	13 January 2014	<p>The Administration was requested to provide information on:</p> <p>(a) the number of youth population and the number of Integrated Children and Youth Services Centres by district from 2014 to 2021; and</p> <p>(b) staff establishment of the non-governmental organizations ("NGOs") operating under the Lump Sum Grant ("LSG") Subvention System.</p>	The Administration will provide the required information in due course.

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5. Briefings by the Secretary for Labour and Welfare and the Secretary for Home Affairs on the Chief Executive's 2014 Policy Address	23 January 2014	<p>The Administration was requested to provide a paper on its measures to unleash the women workforce with details on:</p> <p>(a) justifications for setting the upper age limit of children eligible for the Neighbourhood Support Child Care Project; and</p> <p>(b) whether it had any plans to reserve space for the provision of child care services in the vicinity of newly built residential care homes for the elderly ("RCHEs") to encourage women to join the workforce of elderly care services.</p>	The Administration will provide its response in due course.
6. Support for elderly persons who are in need of dental care	30 June 2014	The Administration was requested to provide the report of the strategic review on health care manpower planning and professional development in Hong Kong.	The Administration will provide its response in due course.
7. Services and policies relating to family support	30 June 2014	The Administration was requested to provide information on the Lam Tin incident happened in early May 2014 and on the Police's review of the handling of the aforesaid incident.	The Administration will provide the required information in due course.

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8. Progress on the implementation of home care service for persons with severe disabilities	12 January 2015	<p>The Administration was requested to provide:</p> <p>(a) information on the number of users receiving services from each of the six operators of home care service for persons with severe disabilities ("HCS") when the regularized HCS Scheme had been implemented for one year; and</p> <p>(b) a paper on the Administration's review of home and CCS for persons with disabilities.</p>	The Administration will provide the required information in due course.
9. Briefings by the Secretary for Labour and Welfare and the Secretary for Home Affairs on the Chief Executive's 2015 Policy Address	26 January 2015	<p>The Administration was requested to provide information on:</p> <p>(a) a breakdown of the usage rate of Extended Hours Service ("EHS") provided by aided child care centres and kindergarten-cum-child care centres, and by districts; and</p> <p>(b) the amount incurred in providing 1 200 EHS places at aided child care centres and kindergarten-cum-child care centres.</p>	The Administration will provide the required information in due course.

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<p>10. Progress of implementation of the Special Scheme on Privately Owned Sites for Welfare Uses</p>	<p>13 April 2015</p>	<p>The Administration was requested to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) provide a breakdown by district of the numbers of places to be provided in each of the 17 development projects for the construction of new contract RCHEs/contract RCHEs with Day Care Units for the Elderly/new Day Care Centres for the Elderly and of those to be provided under the Special Scheme on Privately Owned Sites for Welfare Uses ("Special Scheme"); (b) provide information on the rules and procedures for the provision of subvented and self-financing services under the Special Scheme and the proportion of such services; (c) provide, in table form, the following information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) the numbers of subvented and self-financing places provided by the welfare facilities at each of the sites of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (A) the five projects under the Special Scheme (which had entered the implementation stage) upon their completion; and (B) the remaining 58 projects under the Special Scheme upon their completion; 	<p>The Administration provided the required information at the Panel meeting on 12 December 2016 and through its reply of 1 December 2016 to the Panel.</p>

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		<p>(ii) the total number of waitlistees for elderly services and rehabilitation services respectively; and</p> <p>(iii) an estimate of the numbers of additional subvented and self-financing service places to be provided under and outside the Special Scheme respectively in the next 10 years;</p> <p>(d) revert to the former Panel on whether the Administration would adopt a 6:4 or 8:2 ratio for subvented and self-financing service places for the project of expansion of Haven of Hope Woo Ping Care and Attention Home in Tseung Kwan O under the Special Scheme; and</p> <p>(e) provide a paper to update the former Panel every six months on the progress of the projects and the proportion of subvented and self-financing service places under the Special Scheme.</p>	
<p>11. Salary adjustment arrangements for staff in non-governmental organizations receiving Lump Sum Grant subvention</p>	<p>11 May 2015</p>	<p>The Administration was requested to provide information on the contribution for MPF by each and every NGO receiving LSG subvention.</p>	<p>The Administration will provide the required information in due course.</p>

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<p>12. Setting up social welfare facilities (excluding welfare blocks) in public housing premises</p>	<p>11 May 2015</p>	<p>The Administration was requested to provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) information on the measures adopted by the Administration to convert premises of the Housing Authority (e.g. parking spaces or kindergartens) into welfare facilities; (b) examples of converting domestic units located on the lower floors of public rental housing ("PRH") blocks into welfare facilities; and (c) detailed information on the planning criteria and process for the provision of welfare facilities in PRH developments. 	<p>The Administration will provide the required information in due course.</p>
<p>13. Issues relating to service quality and monitoring of private residential care homes</p>	<p>23 July 2015</p>	<p>The Administration was requested to ask the Secretary for Labour and Welfare to relay to the Chief Executive members' requests for earmarking sites in PRH development projects for construction of RCHEs and making the provision of RCHEs a land sale condition.</p>	<p>The Administration will follow up as appropriate.</p>
<p>14. The situation of lead in drinking water in child care centres and residential care homes and the follow-up actions by the Administration</p>	<p>9 November 2015</p>	<p>The Administration was requested to provide information on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the lead level of each of the water sample taken from the 78 welfare units for which water sampling tests had been completed; 	<p>The Administration will provide the required information in due course.</p>

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		<p>(b) guidelines provided for welfare units by the Social Welfare Department ("SWD") on the use of wall-mounted kettles, water sampling procedures, reducing lead exposure and maintaining water safety;</p> <p>(c) the number of welfare units which had followed the guidelines mentioned in (b) above; and</p> <p>(d) a comparison of the test results of samples of water stored overnight inside wall-mounted kettles and for samples which were taken after running water at a tap for two to five minutes from the 78 welfare units mentioned in (a) above.</p>	
<p>15. The proposed legislation to implement the Law Reform Commission Report on Child Custody and Access</p>	<p>22 February 2016</p>	<p>The Administration was requested to provide a paper on the enforcement situation of maintenance order in the past five years.</p>	<p>The Administration will provide the required information in due course.</p>
<p>16. Setting up a hostel for moderately mentally handicapped persons and an integrated vocational rehabilitation services centre at the public rental housing site at Hung Shui Kiu Area 13</p>	<p>11 April 2016</p>	<p>The Administration was requested to provide information on the number and location of additional places for hostels for moderately mentally handicapped persons to be provided in the coming five years as well as the timetable for providing these additional places.</p>	<p>The Administration will provide the required information in due course.</p>

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17. Setting up a new day activity centre cum hostel for severely mentally handicapped persons at Pokfulam Shine Skills Centre, Pokfulam	11 April 2016	The Administration was requested to provide its response to members' request for allocating more storeys of the Pokfulam Shine Skills Centre ("PSSC") and making use of the vacant site nearby PSSC for the provision of residential care and day training services places for severely mentally handicapped persons.	The Administration will provide the required information in due course.
18. Ageing of persons with intellectual disabilities	9 May 2016	The Administration was requested to provide information on the number of persons with intellectual disabilities who were using services provided by District Support Centres for Persons with Disabilities and whether these service users were living with their family members.	The Administration will provide the required information in due course.
19. Work progress of the Family Council	13 June 2016	The Administration was requested to provide information on the number of successful and unsuccessful cases in recovering arrears of maintenance.	The Administration will provide the required information in due course.

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<p>20. Annual adjustment of social security payment rates under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance Scheme and the Social Security Allowance Scheme, and issues relating to rent allowance under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance Scheme</p>	<p>14 November 2016</p>	<p>The Administration was requested to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) provide information on the existing rent paid by and the adjusted rent allowance payable to households on comprehensive social security assistance ("CSSA") living in Kwun Tong, Sham Shui Po and Tsuen Wan; (b) conduct a study on the rate of rental increase of sub-divided flats and measures for alleviating rental burden of CSSA households living in sub-divided flats; (c) provide a yearly breakdown (from 2011 onwards) on the number of applications for exemption for making declaration of not providing financial support to elder parents (commonly known as the "bad son statement") who wished to apply for CSSA on their own and the number of such cases which were granted exemption; and (d) provide a response to members' view that the Director of Social Welfare was too harsh in granting discretionary approval of applications for CSSA or Social Security Allowance ("SSA") made by people who did not satisfy the residence requirements under the CSSA or SSA schemes. 	<p>The Administration's response was issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(2)447/16-17(01) on 16 December 2016.</p>

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21. Looking into the quality problem of private residential care homes for persons with disabilities in light of the "Bridge of Rehabilitation Company" incident	12 December 2016	The Administration was requested to provide: (a) the target timing by which individual residential care homes for persons with disabilities ("RCHDs") which were issued with Certificates of Exemption would fully comply with the licensing requirements; and (b) a list of high-risk RCHDs which were required to be monitored closely by the Administration and the number of residents of these RCHDs.	The Administration will provide the required information in due course.

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