

**Panel on Welfare Services**

**List of outstanding items for discussion**

(position as at 7 April 2017)

**Proposed timing  
for discussion**

**1. Estate-based social welfare services planning**

The Panel of the Fifth Legislative Council ("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 the Planning Department should also be invited for the discussion.

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

The Administration will brief the Panel on the overall planning for social welfare services, and how, in particular, the demand for such services in new public housing estates is to be met.

Members of the Panel on Housing will be invited to join the discussion.

**2. Progress of implementation of after-school care and support 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 provision of child care services and after-school care services and receiving views from deputations. 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

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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.

According to the Administration, the Social Welfare Department provides assistance for low-income families to make use of After School Care Programme ("ASCP") services provided by non-governmental organisations through the "Fee Waiving Subsidy Scheme for ASCP" to offer support services for children aged six to 12 whose parents are unable to provide proper care for them during after-school hours. Moreover, a dedicated portion of the Partnership Fund for the Disadvantaged is set aside for supporting the after-school learning and support programmes launched for primary and secondary school students from grassroots families to facilitate their whole-person development. The Administration will brief the Panel on the progress of implementation of the above services.

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

Item proposed by Hon SHIU Ka-chun.

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**4. The proposed legislation to implement the recommendations of the Law Reform Commission Report on Child Custody and Access and related support measures**

Item proposed by the Administration.

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This item is to report to the Panel on the outcome of the public consultation conducted between November 2015 and March 2016 on the above proposed legislation and related support measures, and the current development.

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

Hon SHIU Ka-chun, as the Panel Chairman, has acceded to the request of the Chairman of the Panel on Administration of Justice and Legal Services ("the AJLS Panel") that the captioned subject should be discussed at a joint meeting of the two Panels.

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

The Panel has acceded to Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG's request (LC Paper No. CB(2)510/16-17(01)) for discussing issues relating to the review of Disability Allowance ("DA") and measures for implementing the recommendations put forward by the Inter-departmental Working Group on Review of DA. In this connection, the Administration has set out the latest developments in its paper for the policy briefing on 26 January 2017 (Annex 2 to LC Paper No. CB(2)666/16-17(01)).

To be decided

The Panel discussed the subject at its meeting on 13 March 2017. It has agreed to receive public views on the subject at a future Panel meeting.

**Services for elderly**

**6. 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.

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The Administration advised that the Elderly Commission is expected to submit the report of

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the Programme Plan in the second quarter of 2017. The Administration plans to brief members on the report in July 2017.

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

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

**8. 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

**9. Infirmity care in non-hospital setting**

The Administration consulted the Panel of the Third Legislative Council 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

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**Social security**

**10. Review of Old Age Living Allowance**

Item proposed by Hon LEUNG Che-cheung. To be decided

The Administration has undertaken to review Old Age Living Allowance ("OALA") 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.

At the policy briefing on 26 January 2017, the Administration briefed the Panel on the proposed enhancements to OALA announced in the 2017 Policy Address.

**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. 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

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discussion of issues relating to autistic adults.

**14. 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**

**15. 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

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

**Social welfare planning and administration**

**16. 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.

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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.

**17. 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

**18. Amending Social Workers Registration Ordinance (Cap. 505)**

Item proposed by Hon SHIU Ka-chun.

To be decided

**Provision of welfare facilities**

**19. 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

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

Item proposed by the Administration.

To be decided

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- 21. 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

- 22. 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

- 23. 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**

- 24. 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

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

Item proposed by Hon SHIU Ka-chun.

To be decided

**Women welfare**

- 26. 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



**Others**

**27. 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. 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 AJLS Panel. HAB is planning to report progress to the AJLS Panel later when the responses are ready.

**28. 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

The House Committee 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 Subcommittee is in the third place on the waiting list pending activation.

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

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**29. 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

**30. Support services for singletons**

Item proposed by Hon SHIU Ka-chun.

To be decided