

Panel on Welfare Services

List of outstanding items for discussion
(position as at 5 May 2017)

**Proposed timing
for discussion**

1. 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.

8 May 2017

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.

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

2. Support services for singletons

Item proposed by Hon SHIU Ka-chun.

8 May 2017

3. Mental health community support services

Item proposed by the Administration.

12 June 2017

The item is to brief the Panel on the community support welfare services for ex-mentally ill persons to facilitate their rehabilitation and social integration.

Noting that the Joint Subcommittee on Long-term Care Policy will meet with deputations and the Administration on "Community support services for mentally ill and ex-mentally ill persons" at its meeting on 29 May 2017, Hon SHIU Ka-chun, the Panel Chairman, does not consider it necessary for the Panel to discuss a similar

**Proposed timing
for discussion**

subject at its meeting in June 2017.

4. Estate-based social welfare services planning

The Administration briefed the Panel at its meeting on 10 April 2017 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.

To be decided

The Panel has acceded to Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG's request (LC Paper No. CB(2)1182/16-17(01)) for receiving public views at a Panel meeting.

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.

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

The Panel of the Fifth Legislative Council ("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

**Proposed timing
for discussion**

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. Infirm 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 infirm 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 infirm 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

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.

**Proposed timing
for discussion**

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

10. 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

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

Item proposed by Dr Hon Helena WONG.

To be decided

12. 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.

13. 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

14. 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

15. 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

**Proposed timing
for discussion**

of child care places and residential care places for elderly persons and persons with disabilities.

16. 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

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

Item proposed by Hon SHIU Ka-chun.

To be decided

18. Receiving public views on transparency of salary and cash allowance for senior management of social welfare organizations

The Panel has acceded, at its meeting on 10 April 2017, to Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG's captioned request (LC Paper No. CB(2)1182/16-17(02)).

To be decided

19. Monitoring the implementation of prohibition of cross-subsidization under the Lump Sum Grant Subvention System

Item proposed by Hon SHIU Ka-chun.

To be decided

20. Management of items subsidized by Lotteries Fund

Item proposed by Hon SHIU Ka-chun.

To be decided

Provision of welfare facilities

21. 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

**Proposed timing
for discussion**

22. **Setting up an integrated welfare service complex in the vacant school premises in Tuen Mun**
- Item proposed by the Administration. To be decided
23. **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
24. **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
25. **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

26. **Review of effectiveness of Low-income Working Family Allowance Scheme**
- Item proposed by Hon SHIU Ka-chun. To be decided
27. **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

**Proposed timing
for discussion**

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

Item proposed by Hon SHIU Ka-chun.

To be decided

Women welfare

**29. 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

30. 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 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.

**31. 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

**Proposed timing
for discussion**

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.

32. 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