

**Panel on Welfare Services**

**List of outstanding items for discussion**  
(position as at 4 April 2018)

**Proposed timing  
for discussion**

- 1. Providing extra allowance to recipients of social security, Low-income Working Family Allowance and Work Incentive Transport Subsidy; and one-off grant to students in need of support learning**

Item proposed by the Administration.

9 April 2018

The two captioned initiatives were announced in the 2018-2019 Budget as part of the concessionary measures to share fruits of economic success with the community. This item is to brief the Panel on the implementation arrangements for the extra allowance/one-off grant.

- 2. Policy to deal with domestic violence**

Item proposed by Hon KWONG Chun-yu (LC Paper No. CB(2)1839/16-17(01) issued on 7 July 2017).

9 April 2018

- 3. Welfare support for the homeless (particularly those staying overnight in 24-hour fast food restaurants)**

Item proposed by Hon SHIU Ka-chun. He has suggested that representatives of Home Affairs Bureau ("HAB") and relevant deputations should also attend the meeting for discussion of this item.

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**4. Implementation of the Higher Old Age Living Allowance**

The Panel was briefed on the implementation arrangements for the Higher Old Age Living Allowance ("Higher OALA") at its meeting on 12 February 2018. Members have agreed to receive public views on the Higher OALA at a special meeting of the Panel.

14 April 2018

**5. Mental health services and related community support services**

Dr Hon Helena WONG has suggested that a joint meeting with Panel on Health Services ("HS Panel") should be held to discuss issues relating to mental health and relevant community support services. She has also suggested that organizations/individuals providing mental health services should be invited to give views on the collaboration of policies on mental health.

To be decided

Mental health of children and adolescents

In response to Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki's request (LC Paper No. CB(2)1082/17-18(01) issued on 20 March 2018) and Hon LUK Chung-hung's request (LC Paper No. CB(2)1107/17-18(01) issued on 23 March 2018), a joint meeting with the HS Panel and the Panel on Education ("ED Panel") will be held on 23 April 2018 to discuss mental health of children and adolescents which covers, inter alia, support measures for carers of children.

23 April 2018  
(Joint meeting with  
the HS Panel and the  
ED Panel)

**6. Review of the enhancement of the Lump Sum Grant Subvention System**

Item proposed by the Administration.

14 May 2018

The Secretary for Labour and Welfare has tasked the Social Welfare Department ("SWD") to set up a Task Force to conduct a review on the enhancement of the Lump Sum Grant ("LSG")

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Subvention System, comprising stakeholders from the Legislative Council, Hong Kong Council of Social Service, Hong Kong Social Workers Association, management of non-governmental organizations ("NGOs"), staff side, service users, committees related to LSG subvention, independent persons, Labour and Welfare Bureau and SWD and to make recommendations. This item is to report the progress made by the Task Force on mapping out the scope of review.

Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG has suggested that the Panel should discuss review of LSG Subvention System. Hon SHIU Ka-chun has suggested that the Panel should discuss monitoring the implementation of prohibition of cross-subsidization under the System.

**7. Preliminary framework of a Special Needs Trust**

Item proposed by the Administration.

14 May 2018

The Chief Executive announced in the 2017 Policy Address that the Government had decided to take the lead in setting up a Special Needs Trust, with the Director of Social Welfare as the trustee, to provide reliable and affordable trust services for parents with special needs children. The Administration will brief members on the preliminary framework of the Special Needs Trust.

**8. Planning of social welfare services in new public rental housing estates and deprived communities**

Hon Wilson OR has proposed to discuss planning of social welfare services in new public rental housing ("PRH") estates. Hon SHIU Ka-chun has also proposed to discuss as soon as possible support measures for deprived communities (i.e. people living in urban slum areas). The Panel

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has agreed at its meeting on 12 March 2018 to conduct a visit in early May 2018 to NGOs serving On Tat Estate and On Tai Estate and residents there to better understand their services to residents of new PRH estates before the Panel's discussion on this item on 14 May 2018.

**9. Joint meeting with the Panel on Housing regarding tenancy control**

The Panel has acceded to Hon Michael TIEN's request for the Panel to hold a joint meeting with the Panel on Housing ("HG Panel") regarding tenancy control (LC Paper No. CB(2)375/17-18(01) issued on 22 November 2017). The Panel also suggested that public views should be received on the subject matter at the joint meeting. The HG Panel has agreed that a joint meeting of the HG Panel and the Panel should be held on 4 June 2018 to meet with the Administration and deputations/individuals on tenancy control measures.

4 June 2018  
(Joint meeting with  
the HG Panel)

**10. Progress of implementation of the Best Practice Manual under the Lump Sum Grant Subvention System**

Item proposed by the Administration.

11 June 2018

**11. Work of Family Council**

Item proposed by the Administration according to the established practice that the Family Council would brief the Panel on its work on a biennial basis.

11 June 2018

Dr Hon Helena WONG has suggested that the Family Council should brief the Panel on its work and the measures taken to promote family-friendly policies. She has also suggested that deputations should be invited to give views on the functions of the Family Council.

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**12. Welfare support for users and waitlistees of community housing**

Item proposed by Hon SHIU Ka-chun.

9 July 2018

**13. Progress of the Consultancy Study on the Long-term Development of Child Care Services**

Item proposed by the Administration.

Third quarter of  
2018

**Services for elderly**

**14. 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 HS Panel 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

**15. 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, care services for elderly persons with special needs. In its report (LC Paper No. CB(2)1902/15-16) 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

**16. Infirmary care in non-hospital setting**

The Administration consulted the Panel of the Third Legislative Council in December 2004 on a

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proposal to launch a trial scheme to provide infirmary 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 infirmary care. The Administration will report the progress in due course.

**Support for underprivileged groups with special needs in the community**

**17. 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

**18. 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.

**19. Issues relating to students with special educational needs**

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

To be decided

**20. Social service for ethnic minorities and mainstreaming of such service**

Item proposed by Hon SHIU Ka-chun. He has suggested that representatives of HAB should also attend the relevant meeting for discussion of this item.

To be decided

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**Welfare services for families, youth and children**

**21. 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.

**22. Youth suicides**

Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki has suggested that the Panel should consider holding a joint meeting with the HS Panel on youth suicides and relevant social welfare organizations should be invited to give views thereon.

To be decided

A joint meeting with the HS Panel and the ED Panel was held on 20 December 2017 to discuss "Mental health of adolescents" which covers, inter alia, youth suicides.

**Social welfare planning and administration**

**23. 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.

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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.

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

Item proposed by Hon SHIU Ka-chun.

To be decided

**25. Management of projects financed by Lotteries Fund**

Item proposed by Hon SHIU Ka-chun. The item was covered in the Public Accounts Committee ("PAC") Report No. 68 published in July 2017.

To be decided

**26. Review of effectiveness of Social Welfare Development Fund**

Item proposed by Hon SHIU Ka-chun.

To be decided

**27. Manpower planning for non-social worker grades and non-professional grades in welfare organizations**

Item proposed by Hon SHIU Ka-chun.

To be decided



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**Provision of welfare facilities**

- 28. 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

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

Item proposed by the Administration.

To be decided

- 30. 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

- 31. 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

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

Item proposed by Mr CHEUNG Kwok-che.

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

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**34. The work of the Women's Commission and the Equal Opportunities Commission in the implementation of Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region**

Item referred by the Panel on Constitutional Affairs ("CA Panel") (LC Paper No. CB(2)232/17-18(01) issued on 3 November 2017). CA Panel members will be invited to attend the relevant meeting for discussion of the item.

To be decided

**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. 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.

The monitoring of charitable fund-raising activities was covered in PAC Report No. 68 published in July 2017.

**36. Policies on preventing abuse of elderly persons and of persons with intellectual disability**

The former Panel suggested that the Panel should discuss policies on preventing abuse of elderly persons in RCHs and of persons with intellectual

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disability in schools/hostels for persons with intellectual disability.

**37. Review of policies and welfare support for carers**

Dr Hon Helena WONG and Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki have suggested that policies on support for carers should be discussed. The Joint Subcommittee on Long-term Care Policy has discussed "Support for carers of elderly persons and of persons with disabilities" at its meeting on 21 November 2017. The Panel discussed "Community care support for persons suffering from dementia and their carers" at its meeting on 11 December 2017.

To be decided

**38. Community development policy and services**

Item proposed by Hon SHIU Ka-chun. He has suggested that representatives of HAB should also attend the relevant meeting for discussion of this item.

To be decided