

Panel on Welfare Services

List of outstanding items for discussion
(position as at 11 May 2018)

**Proposed timing
for discussion**

1. 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.

2. 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") 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.

**Proposed timing
for discussion**

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.

The Panel has agreed to receive public views on the item when it is discussed at the Panel meeting on 14 May 2018.

3. 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)

4. 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 conducted a visit on 8 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 at a future meeting.

11 June 2018

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for discussion**

5. Community development policy and services

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

11 June 2018

6. 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.

7. Welfare support for users and waitlistees of community housing

Item proposed by Hon SHIU Ka-chun.

9 July 2018

8. 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.

9 July 2018

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for discussion**

9. 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

10. 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 ("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

11. 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

12. Infirmiry 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 infirmiry care places for medically stable elders in a non-hospital setting. Various options are being explored, including upgrading some of the

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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

13. 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

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 ("ED Panel") be invited to join the relevant discussion.

To be decided

16. 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

17. Mental health services and related community support services

Dr Hon Helena WONG has suggested that a joint

To be decided

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meeting with 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. A joint meeting with the HS Panel and the ED Panel was held on 23 April 2018 to discuss mental health of children and adolescents which covered, inter alia, support measures for carers of children.

Welfare services for families, youth and children

18. 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.

19. 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 covered, inter alia, youth suicides.

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Social welfare planning and administration

20. 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.

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.

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

Item proposed by Hon SHIU Ka-chun.

To be decided

22. 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

23. Review of effectiveness of Social Welfare Development Fund

Item proposed by Hon SHIU Ka-chun.

To be decided

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

Item proposed by Hon SHIU Ka-chun.

To be decided

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

Item proposed by the Administration.

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

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

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for discussion**

30. 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

31. 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

32. 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

33. 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

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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.

34. 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 disability in schools/hostels for persons with intellectual disability.

To be decided