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**Panel on Development**

**Motion on  
"Kwu Tung North and Fanling North New Development Areas —  
Funding Applications for Main Works, Detailed Design and  
Special Ex-gratia Cash Allowance"  
passed at the meeting held on 22 January 2019**

The Legislative Council (LegCo) Panel on Development passed the motion moved by Hon CHAN Han-pan, Hon Alice MAK Mei-kuen and Hon CHAN Hak-kan at the meeting on 22 January 2019:

*“This Panel requests the Government to undertake to resettle the elderly residents and the operators of the residential care homes for the elderly at Dills Corner Garden in the current locality when developing the Kwu Tung North New Development Area, so as to enable the elderly residents and carers concerned to move seamlessly to the new multi-welfare services complex which is currently under construction.”*

The Administration’s response to the motion is as follows:

2. As at end December 2018, there were about 900 elderly residents in the 15 private residential care homes for the elderly (RCHEs) at Dills Corner Garden (DCG). As reported to the LegCo Panel on Welfare Services by the Administration several years ago, the RCHEs will be cleared in two phases. The Administration is considering suitable transitional arrangement for the about 160 elderlies to be affected by the first-phase clearance in the first half of 2020, including the arrangement of moving the elderlies to the vacant places in RCHEs at DCG not affected by the first-phase clearance. The second-phase clearance will only take place after all the eligible elderlies have been moved to the new contract RCHEs, which are targeted to commission in 2023. In other words, majority of the elderlies will only be required to move for once only.

3. The new contract RCHEs are located within the proposed purpose-built Multi-welfare Services Complex (“the Complex”) to be constructed in Area 29 of KTN NDA near the RCHEs at DCG. The eight-storey Complex will accommodate seven contract RCHEs, each of them with a capacity of 250 residential care places including both subsidised and non-subsidised places, providing a total of 1 750 residential care places for the elderly, which will be sufficient for the about 900 affected elderly residents in the existing DCG RCHEs to move in<sup>1</sup>. Among them, about 410 residents, who were occupying residential care places under the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme in DCG or having passed the Standardised Care Need Assessment Mechanism for Elderly Services and were waitlisting for subsidised residential care places on the Central Waiting List, would be eligible for admission to the subsidised places of the new contract RCHEs. The remaining 500 residents would be arranged for admission to the non-subsidised places of the new contract RCHEs. The administration is inviting tender for the design and construction of the Complex. The detailed design of the Complex will commence upon commissioning of the works contract. The contract RCHEs will be planned according to the prevailing design standard to meet the care needs of the elderlies.

4. The Government will brief the elderlies of the RCHEs at DCG and their family members or carers on the above arrangements at an appropriate juncture, and understand the health and family conditions of the elderlies so as to render appropriate support and assistance according to their individual needs. The Administration will later conduct a survey to register the eligibility of elderlies to be affected by the first-phase and second-phase clearance for placements at the Complex, so as to facilitate the arrangement for moving the elderlies to the new contract RCHEs.

5. The Administration will adopt open bidding for the selection of the most suitable operators for the new contract RCHEs. All eligible non-government organisations and private organisations, including the existing operators of DCG RCHEs, could participate in the open bidding by submitting tenders. The Administration is also considering the possibility of incorporating in the marking scheme for tender assessment of the future

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<sup>1</sup> The Complex will also provide a 40-place Care and Attention Home for Severely Disabled Persons and a 50-place Day Activity Centre cum Hostel for Severely Mentally Handicapped Persons.

contract RCHEs the consideration of bidders' resettlement plans for the staff and elderlies of the existing DCG RCHEs.

6. The inter-departmental working group led by the Director of Social Welfares has been maintaining close liaison with all the operators of the DCG RCHEs. The working group has held a number of meetings, including the latest one on 21 September 2018. The Administration will continue the communication with the operators of the DCG RCHEs through the working group with a view to ensuring the smooth transition of the eligible elderlies from the existing RCHEs in DCG to the Complex.

**Development Bureau  
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