

LegCo Panel on Health Services

List of issues to be considered

1. Review on health care financing

The Administration has commissioned a Consultancy Study on Financing Hong Kong's Health Care System which is expected to be completed by the end of 1998. At the request of the Panel, the Administration has provided a progress report of the consultancy study for members' reference (LC Paper No. CB(2) 251/98-99(01) issued on 11 September 1998).

2. Utilization of the Clinical Pathology Laboratory Centre (CPLC) of the Department of Health after the setting up of a Laboratory Automation System (LAS)

In approving the Director of Health's proposal of setting up a LAS to enhance the capacity and efficiency of the CPLC, the Finance Committee at its meeting on 9 October 1997 requested the Administration to explore the feasibility of allowing the private health care sector to make use of the spare capacity of the system to offset costs.

3. Visiting health teams for the elderly

At the meeting held on 14 July 1998, Mr LAW Chi-kwong proposed to discuss the visiting health teams for the elderly which the Administration had pledged to set up in 1998-99 in the 1997 Policy Address.

4. Food safety and environmental hygiene

Subject discussed at the meeting on 12 October 1998. Members agreed to discuss the subject again when the report of the consultancy study is available.

5. Enhanced Productivity Programme in the Hospital Authority

At the meeting held on 12 October 1998, members requested the Administration to provide detailed information on how the Programme would be implemented in the Hospital Authority.