

**LegCo Panel on Welfare Services
List of issues to be considered**

1. Year 2000 compliance in social welfare organizations

It was resolved at the House Committee meeting on 12 March 1999 that the issue should be followed up by Panels with regard to their respective policy areas.

Scheduled for discussion on **10 May 1999**.

2. Guardianship Board under the Mental Health Ordinance

At the Finance Committee meeting on 30 March 1998 when the proposed remuneration for the chairperson, honoraria for non-official members and allowances for witnesses of the Guardianship Board to be established under the Mental Health Ordinance were approved, the Administration undertook to review the relative values of honoraria and allowances paid to Board members and witnesses and to report its findings to Members.

Scheduled for discussion on **10 May 1999**.

3. Review of the rapid expansion of the Social Welfare Department and its role in provision of direct social services

The subject was last discussed at the meeting on 9 May 1997 during which members expressed concern on the division of work between SWD and NGOs in the provision of social welfare services and the allocation of resources to SWD and NGOs for providing new services. Mr LAW Chi-kwong proposed to further discuss this item at a future meeting.

4. Review of School Social Work Service

The subject was last discussed at the meeting on 27 July 1998. At the meeting on 9 November 1998, the Chairman proposed that subject to the availability of the Final Report, the item be discussed at the meeting in January 1999. The Administration advised on 11 January 1999 that the subject was not yet ready for discussion.

5. Portable Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (PCSSA) Scheme

Mr LAW Chi-kwong proposed to discuss the "Hong Kong Red Cross Report on the Operation of the PCSSA Scheme and Recommendation for the Review of the Scheme".

Discussion of the item has been deferred at the request of the Administration. Tentatively scheduled for discussion on **14 June 1999**.

6. CSSA inflationary adjustment

Members agreed at the meeting on 11 January 1999 when supplementary provision for CSSA and SSA Schemes was considered to discuss the subject in **June 1999**.

7. Review of the Subvention System-contracting out of services

At the meeting on 11 January 1999, members expressed concern about the proposal to contract out selected services. The Panel was briefed on the proposal on 8 March 1999 and the Administration was requested to keep members informed of the progress of the pilot test and to consult members before full scale implementation.

Scheduled for discussion on **10 May 1999**.

8. Social Networking for the Elderly Project

The Administration would report progress in September 1999.

9. CSSA-review of requirements of disregarded earnings

At the meeting on 24 February 1999, members passed a motion urging the Government to re-assess the definition of regular employment with a view to effecting downward adjustment of the requirement by May 1999. The Administration has been asked to brief members on the present position at the meeting on 10 May 1999.

10. Active Employment Assistance (AEA) Programme

The subject was discussed at the meeting on 12 April 1999. The Administration would provide a progress report on the implementation of the AEA programme to the Panel by September 1999.