

LegCo Panel on Welfare Services
List of issues to be considered

1. 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 about 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 has proposed to further discuss this item at a future meeting.

2. 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.

Scheduled for discussion on **14 June 1999**.

3. 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. Mr LAW has provided an analysis of the proposals relating to medical services for the elderly CSSA recipients living on the Mainland to facilitate discussion.

4. 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.

Scheduled for discussion on **14 June 1999**.

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

The subject was last discussed at the meeting on 10 May 1999. The Administration agreed to provide an assessment on the operation of the meal service some time after the contracting out arrangements were effected.

6. Social Networking for the Elderly Project

The Report of the Evaluation Study on the Project was last discussed at the meeting on 1 February 1999. The Administration agreed to provide a progress report by September 1999 which would include explanations as to why the manpower of the Support Teams was adequate to serve the singleton elderly in need.

7. 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.

Scheduled for discussion on **14 June 1999**.

8. Active Employment Assistance (AEA) Programme

The subject was last 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.

9. Inclusion of value of owner-occupied residential properties into assessment of asset for single parent CSSA recipients with youngest child aged below 15

A deputation met Duty Roster Members at a meeting on 25 May 1999 expressing their concerns on the above subject. The matter had been subsequently referred to this Panel for follow-up. Miss CHAN Yuen-han, the Chairman, has proposed to discuss the issue in July 1999.

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