

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

1. 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.

2. 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. The item was originally scheduled for discussion at the December meeting but members agreed to defer the item to January 1999.

3. Creation of over 200 posts in the social security field units and the Special Investigation Team

The subject was discussed at the policy briefing on 12 October 1998 during which members expressed concern about the creation of over 200 additional posts to strengthen the social security field units and the Special Investigation Team. The Administration has undertaken to brief members on the operation and manpower arrangement 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 has recently indicated that the subject will be ready for discussion in February 1999.

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" at the meeting in January 1999.