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**Report of the Panel on Education and the Panel on Welfare Services
on the proposal for a subcommittee to be formed
under the House Committee to study issues relating to
the provision of boarding places, senior secondary education and employment
opportunities for children with special educational needs**

Purpose

This paper seeks the House Committee's agreement for the proposal of the Panel on Education and the Panel on Welfare Services that a subcommittee be formed under the House Committee to study issues relating to the provision of boarding places, senior secondary education and employment opportunities for children with special educational needs.

Background and proposal

2. The Panel on Education and the Panel on Welfare Services held a joint meeting on 10 January 2005 to discuss the provision of boarding places, senior secondary education and employment opportunities for children with special educational needs. At the meeting, members also received views from 12 deputations. Members were of the view that children with special educational needs were a disadvantaged group in the community and adequate support should be provided for them. They proposed that a subcommittee should be set up to follow up the various issues raised at the meeting.

3. Members had considered the option of setting up a subcommittee under the Panel on Education and inviting members of the Panel on Welfare Services to participate in the work of the subcommittee as non-subcommittee Members. Most members, however, considered that it would be more appropriate for the House Committee to form a subcommittee because –

- (a) the relevant issues straddled the policy areas of the Panel on Education and the Panel on Welfare Services; and

- (b) any interested Member could participate in the work of the proposed subcommittee.

4. Members agreed that the proposal for a subcommittee to be formed under the House Committee to study issues relating to the provision of boarding places, senior secondary education and employment opportunities for children with special educational needs should be put forward to the House Committee. Members also agreed that Dr YEUNG Sum, Chairman of the joint meeting on 10 January 2005, should present the proposal at the House Committee meeting on 14 January 2005.

Advice sought

5. The House Committee is invited to support the proposal of the Panel on Education and the Panel on Welfare Services for a subcommittee to be formed under the House Committee, as set out in paragraph 4 above.

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