

**Panel on Health Services****List of follow-up actions**

(Position as at 21 February 2005)

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Date of meeting</b>	<b>Follow-up action required</b>	<b>Administration's response</b>
1. Working Group on Public/Private Interface - Progress Report	9 December 2002	The Administration undertook to provide statistics on the use of Hospital Authority (HA) private services in the past year, including the number of patients who had used the private services and the types of services they used.	The Administration has advised that liaison with HA is in progress on the requested information.
2. Drug and treatment for retinal disorders	8 March 2004	Hon CHAN Yuen-han requested to discuss this item.	The Administration will provide a written response in due course.
3. Requiring doctors to purchase insurance to indemnify patients for medical negligence or malpractice as a condition to practise medicine	8 March 2004	Hon CHAN Yuen-han requested to discuss this item.	The Administration is following up with the Medical Council.
4. Budget deficit of Hospital Authority	8 November 2004	The Administration agreed to try as far as possible to provide a paper on the measures taken/to be taken in the coming year to address the budget deficit of HA, including how the fees should be tackled.	The Administration will provide a written response in due course.

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5. Items for discussion at the next meeting	13 December 2004	The Administration was requested to provide a time table for conducting a review of the Dentists Registration Ordinance.	The Administration will provide a written response in due course.
6. Measures to address the increasing use of public medical services by non-residents of Hong Kong	13 December 2004	<p>The Administration to provide -</p> <p>(a) information on the increase in medical expenses caused by delays of Mainland pregnant women in seeking hospitalisation;</p> <p>(b) a progress report on the Administration's deliberations on the measures suggested by members for tackling the problem of increasing number of Mainland women coming to Hong Kong for child birth; and</p> <p>(c) a response to the motion moved by Hon Mrs Selina CHOW requesting for an inter-bureau working group under the chairmanship of the Chief Secretary for Administration to be set up to deal with the abovementioned problem as referred to in item (b). The motion was passed at the meeting.</p>	<p>The Administration will provide a written response in due course.</p> <p>The Administration will provide a written response in due course.</p> <p>The Panel Chairman's letter dated 16 December 2004 to the Administration and the Administration's written response were issued vide LC Paper No. CB(2)785/04-05(01) on 31 January 2005.</p>

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7. Follow-up to the outbreak of respiratory illness in the Developmental Disability Unit of the Caritas Medical Centre	13 December 2004	The Administration to provide a time table for the refurbishment works to be conducted at Wai Yee Block of the Caritas Medical Centre.	The Administration will provide the information in a paper to be submitted to the Panel for the meeting on 25 February 2005.
8. Proposed amendments to Smoking (Public Health) Ordinance	10 January 2005	<p>The Administration to provide -</p> <p>(a) response to Mr KWONG Chi-kin's proposal of setting up a fund for promotion of anti-smoking;</p> <p>(b) information on whether any overseas jurisdictions had introduced legislation to prohibit persons aged below 18 from smoking;</p> <p>(c) response to members' comments on the proposals to make exceptional arrangements for certain places set out in paragraph 19 of the Administration's paper;</p> <p>(d) response to members' comments on the proposed transitional arrangements for the implementation of mandatory smoking ban;</p>	<p>The Administration will provide a written response in due course.</p> <p>The Administration will provide a written response in due course.</p> <p>The Administration will try to address Members' comments in a balanced manner in preparing the Smoking (Public Health) Amendment Bill 2005.</p> <p>The Administration will try to address Members' comments in a balanced manner in preparing the Smoking (Public Health) Amendment Bill 2005.</p>

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		<p>(e) information on the implementation experience of mandatory smoking ban in workplaces and restaurants in Singapore, Ireland, California, New York and Boston, including their legislative and implementation timetables in this regard;</p> <p>(f) information on the economic impact of the implementation of mandatory smoking ban on the catering industry in overseas places, the feedback of the industry, and the relevant transitional arrangements;</p> <p>(g) findings of any comparison studies conducted on the pace of Hong Kong and that of other places in prohibiting smoking in indoor workplaces/public places, and information to substantiate the Administration's claim that after implementing the smoking ban, catering premises would attract more non-smokers to more than make up their loss in business as a result of the ban;</p> <p>(h) response to concern expressed by some members about the proposal that residential care homes for the elderly and nursing homes would also be subject to mandatory smoking ban;</p>	<p>The Administration will try to cover such information/findings in an omnibus information paper to be submitted for the Panel's discussion on 25 February 2005.</p> <p>The Administration will try to cover such information/findings in an omnibus information paper to be submitted for the Panel's discussion on 25 February 2005.</p> <p>The Administration will try to cover such information/findings in an omnibus information paper to be submitted for the Panel's discussion on 25 February 2005.</p> <p>The Administration will provide a written response in due course.</p>

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		<p>(i) information on the feedback of Singapore people to the measure of showing health warnings with pictorial and graphic contents on the package of cigarette products introduced in Singapore;</p> <p>(j) information on the allocation of additional resources for strengthening publicity and public education to promote anti-smoking;</p> <p>(k) response to Mr Albert CHENG's proposal that for the purpose of effective law enforcement, the bill should provide that premises managers were required either to take remedial actions or to notify the Tobacco Control Office (TCO) when they spotted any non-compliance with the statutory smoking ban on their premises;</p> <p>(l) response to the Chairman's suggestion of empowering premises managers or TCO staff members to issue fixed penalty notices to offenders for the purpose of effective law enforcement; and</p>	<p>The Administration will provide a written response in due course.</p> <p>The Administration will provide a written response in due course.</p> <p>The Administration will provide a written response in due course.</p> <p>The Administration will provide a written response in due course.</p>

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		(m) information on the existing manpower of TCO and the additional manpower for implementation of the legislative proposals.	The Administration will provide a written response in due course.

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