

**Panel on Health Services**

**List of follow-up actions**

(Position as at 11 March 2005)

Subject	Date of meeting	Follow-up action required	Administration's response
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	The Administration to provide -  (a) information on the increase in medical expenses caused by delays of Mainland pregnant women in seeking hospitalisation; and  (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.	The Administration will provide a written response in due course.  The Administration will provide a written response in due course.

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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's response was issued vide LC Paper No. CB(2)1050/04-05(01) on 10 March 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's response was issued vide LC Paper No. CB(2)1046/04-05(01) on 10 March 2005.</p> <p>The Administration will provide a written response in due course.</p> <p>The Administration's response was issued vide LC Paper No. CB(2)1046/04-05(01) on 10 March 2005.</p> <p>The Administration's response was issued vide LC Paper No. CB(2)1046/04-05(01) on 10 March 2005.</p>

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		<p>(e) 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>(f) 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>(g) information on the allocation of additional resources for strengthening publicity and public education to promote anti-smoking;</p> <p>(h) 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>The Administration's response was issued vide LC Paper No. CB(2)1046/04-05(01) on 10 March 2005.</p> <p>The Administration will provide a written response in due course.</p> <p>The Administration's response was issued vide LC Paper No. CB(2)1046/04-05(01) on 10 March 2005.</p> <p>The Administration's response was issued vide LC Paper No. CB(2)1046/04-05(01) on 10 March 2005.</p>

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	25 February 2005	<p>(i) 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;</p> <p>(j) information on the existing manpower of TCO and the additional manpower for implementation of the legislative proposals;</p> <p>(k) information on any jurisdictions which had experienced a decline in business and employment of restaurants/bars as a result of the introduction of smoke-free laws;</p> <p>(l) more detailed information on the exceptional arrangements allowed under overseas smoke-free workplace laws; and</p> <p>(m) information on any precedent case in which a smoke-free workplace law had been challenged by people on the ground of violating human rights.</p>	<p>The Administration's response was issued vide LC Paper No. CB(2)1046/04-05(01) on 10 March 2005.</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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9. Remuneration of Hospital Authority staff	25 February 2005	Hospital Authority to provide information on -  (a) the number of temporary staff members who would not be offered contract employment packages; and  (b) the financial implications that would arise from converting the existing temporary staff members to contract employment packages.	Response awaited.
10. Registration of Chinese medicine practitioners	25 February 2005	The Administration to provide a written response to the concerns raised by Miss CHAN Yuen-han and Mr LEUNG Yiu-chung at the meeting.	Response awaited.