

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

(Position as at 14 April 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 item was addressed at the Panel meeting on 14 March 2005.
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; and</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.</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>
7. Proposed amendments to Smoking (Public Health) Ordinance	10 January 2005	<p>The Administration to provide -</p> <p>(a) information on whether any overseas jurisdictions had introduced legislation to prohibit persons aged below 18 from smoking;</p> <p>(b) 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>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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	25 February 2005	<p>(c) information on the existing manpower of Tobacco Control Office and the additional manpower for implementation of the legislative proposals;</p> <p>(d) 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>(e) more detailed information on the exceptional arrangements allowed under overseas smoke-free workplace laws; and</p> <p>(f) 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 will provide a written response in due course.</p> <p>The Administration has provided a copy of the summary of relevant economic impact studies compiled by the VicHealth Centre for Tobacco Control, Melbourne. Studies concluding no/positive economic impact and those concluding negative impact are covered by the summary, which has been uploaded onto the LegCo website as LC Paper No. CB(2)1074/04-05(01).</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>
8. Health and Health Services Research Fund	31 January 2005	The Administration to provide information on whether the findings of any research items that had been put into practice clinically.	Information provided in the context of submission to Finance Committee on 25 February 2005.

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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.	The Administration will provide a written response in due course.
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.	The Administration will provide a written response in due course.
11. Amendments to the Dentists Registration Ordinance	14 March 2005	The Administration agreed to provide an information paper summarising the issues which had been considered in previous reviews of the Dentists Registration Ordinance.	The Administration will provide an information paper in due course.
12. Increase in professional indemnity insurance premiums	14 March 2005	The Administration undertook to provide a paper on the impact of the increase in insurance premiums on private medical practitioners and related issues.	The Administration will submit an information paper in due course.