

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

(Position as at 10 June 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. Measures to address the increasing use of public medical services by non-residents of Hong Kong and hospital fees for non-eligible persons	13 December 2004	The Administration - (a) to provide information on the increase in medical expenses caused by delays of Mainland pregnant women in seeking hospitalisation;	Members were briefed at meeting of the Panel on 17 May. They will also be briefed at the meeting on 13 June 2005.
	17 May 2005	(b) to provide 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; (c) to draw reference from the experience in other countries in considering appropriate measures to be adopted; (d) to revert to the Panel on the progress of its deliberations on the viable options in due course; and (e) to hold discussions with the Mainland authorities on finding solutions to the problems.	Members were briefed at meeting of the Panel on 17 May. They will also be briefed at the meeting on 13 June 2005. Information submitted to Panel for discussion on 13 June 2005. Information submitted to Panel for discussion on 13 June 2005. Information submitted to Panel for discussion on 13 June 2005.

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<p>6. Proposed amendments to Smoking (Public Health) Ordinance</p>	<p>10 January 2005</p>	<p>The Administration to -</p> <p>(a) provide information on whether any overseas jurisdictions had introduced legislation to prohibit persons aged below 18 from smoking;</p> <p>(b) provide 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>(c) provide information on the existing manpower of Tobacco Control Office and the additional manpower for implementation of the legislative proposals;</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>25 February 2005</p>	<p>(d) provide more detailed information on the exceptional arrangements allowed under overseas smoke-free workplace laws; and</p> <p>(e) provide 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 will provide a written response in due course.</p>

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7. 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.
8. Introduction of a standard drug formulary in Hospital Authority	8 March 2005	The Administration and the HA to take consideration of the motion passed by the Panel.	Members will be briefed at the meeting on 13 June 2005.
9. 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.
10. 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.

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11. Continuing medical education for medical practitioners	18 April 2005	The Administration to provide more detailed information in writing on studies on the continuing medical education systems in overseas jurisdictions, the implementation details of the proposed compulsory scheme, and to revert to the Panel on the progress of the Administration's consultation with members of the medical profession on the scheme.	The Administration will provide a written response in due course.
12. Grant for the Samaritan Fund	18 April 2005	The Administration to update the Panel on the progress and the way forward in June 2005 and provide a paper for the consideration of the Panel in due course.	The Administration will provide a written response in due course.
13. Improvement of infection control provision for autopsy facilities in public hospitals	17 May 2005	The Administration undertook to provide a time schedule setting out the phases of the project and a breakdown on the funding requirements for each of the 11 hospitals.	The works schedule and project estimate of each of the 11 public hospitals is set out in the submission to Public Works Subcommittee.

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14. Hospital fees and charges for private patients	17 May 2005	<p>The Administration -</p> <p>(a) to supplement with more information on -</p> <p>(i) the methodology for setting the proposed new private service consultation fees in pre-set ranges to replace the current standard rates;</p> <p>(ii) the policy on and factors to be considered in the allocation of resources for the provision of private services at HA hospitals and clinics, taking into account that the provision of private services might adversely affect medical services in other areas; and</p> <p>(iii) whether a monitoring mechanism had been put in place to regulate the provision of private services at individual hospitals and clinics at appropriate levels; and</p> <p>(b) to provide updated information on the number of patients seeking private service consultation at HA hospitals and clinics.</p>	Information submitted to Panel for discussion on 13 June 2005.

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15. Long-term rehabilitation patients in Prince of Wales Hospital refusing discharge	17 May 2005	The Administration to provide an information paper on the subject to facilitate discussion at a future meeting.	The Administration will provide an information paper in due course.

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