

Panel on Welfare Services

List of follow-up actions
(position as at 8 December 2004)

Subject	Date of meeting	Follow-up action required	Administration's response
<p>1. Standardized needs assessment tool for admission to residential homes for people with disabilities</p>	<p>5 January 2004</p>	<p>The Administration was requested to provide the following information -</p> <p>(a) What was the estimated cost for providing residential homes for people with disabilities (PWD) after the implementation of the Assessment Tool, and how would that compare with the existing cost for providing the same;</p> <p>(b) Whether, and if so, how the occupancy situation of the various types of residential homes for PWD and the manpower requirement concerned would be changed after the implementation of the Assessment Tool;</p> <p>(c) What would be the waiting time for PWD to admit to residential homes vis-a-vis that under the existing arrangements; and</p> <p>(d) How long would an assessment for admission to residential homes for PWD take.</p>	<p>The information requested under (a) and (b) is not available at this stage as the Assessment Tool has not been implemented yet. Our intention is to evaluate the occupancy situation and assess the cost implications after actual implementation of the Tool.</p> <p>(c) The Administration's response already issued vide LC Paper No. CB(2)1181/03-04(02) on 7 February 2004.</p> <p>(d) Ditto.</p>

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2. Efficiency savings	8 March 2004	The Administration was requested to provide information on the changes in the staff and salary structures of NGOs on the Lump Sum Grant (LSG) funding arrangement since their switching to LSG until to date.	The Administration, in consultation with the LSG Steering Committee, has commissioned a consultancy to conduct a survey on the NGOs' needs for financial assistance after the "Tide-over Period". It is targeted that the survey be completed before end of 2004.
3. Measures to address poverty	8 March 2004	The Administration was requested to give a response to the motion passed at the meeting.	The Administration will provide a written response on both the motions passed on 8 March 2004 and 3 November 2004 in due course.
4. The provision of disregarded earnings (DE) under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme	13 April 2004	The Administration was requested to expeditiously review the measure of allowing no DE for all categories of recipients in the initial determination of eligibility and in cases which had been on CSSA for less than three months.	The results of the review are expected to be available in late 2005.

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5. Briefing by the Secretary for Health, Welfare and Food	8 November 2004	The Administration undertook to seek the advice of the Social Welfare Advisory Committee on the reviews to be undertaken on the CSSA Scheme and the need for a second safety net, and to keep members informed on its consideration.	The Administration are examining the issue and will revert to Members upon completion of study.

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