

**For Discussion
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Legislative Council Panel on Health Services

**Revision of Fees and Charges for Services Not Directly Affecting
People's Livelihood under the Purview of Department of Health**

PURPOSE

This paper seeks Members' views on the proposal to revise the fees and charges for services under the purview of the Department of Health (DH) which do not directly affect people's livelihood.

BACKGROUND

2. The Administration has frozen most of the fees and charges since February 1998 as an exceptional measure to alleviate the financial burden on the public in times of economic difficulty. In 2000, we consulted the Legislative Council Panel on Health Services to revise the fees and charges relating to registration of health care professionals and some of these fees covered in this paper were then revised. Apart from these and fees under regulations made in or after 2000, the rest of DH's fees which do not directly affect people's livelihood have not been revised for nine years or longer.

3. In line with the "user pays" principle, it is Government policy that fees should in general be set at levels sufficient to recover the full cost of providing the services. A costing exercise has been carried out to review the costs of the concerned fee items.

FEE PROPOSAL

4. The fee revision proposal presented for Members' consideration in this paper covers the fee items relating to-

- (a) registration of health care professionals;
- (b) licensing of pharmaceutical products, antibiotics, dangerous drugs, concerned traders and manufacturers, Chinese medicines traders, radioactive substances/irradiating apparatus and the certification for the purpose of preventing or controlling infectious diseases; and
- (c) travellers' health service and miscellaneous medical charges.

5. Under the "user pays" principle, it is important for users of Government services to pay the costs incurred in the provision of services. In recognition of the current state of economic recovery and taking into account affordability and acceptability, we propose that with a few exceptions (please see paragraphs 7 to 11 below), the level of increase should be determined generally in accordance with the following guidelines as advised by the Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau which apply across the board in respect of Government fees –

- (a) achieve full-cost recovery within seven years for those fees with existing cost recovery rate of less than 40% below target, through a 20% increase;
- (b) achieve full-cost recovery within three to seven years for those fees with existing cost recovery rate of between 40% and 70% of target, through a 15% increase; and
- (c) achieve full-cost recovery within one to three years for those fees with existing cost recovery rate of over 70% of target, through a 10% or lower increase.

For fee reductions, we propose to reduce the fees to the full cost level in one go. These service-wide guidelines were applied in the 2000-01 fee revision exercise.

6. The proposal involves 128 fee items in total. Based on the outcome of the costing review, 126 fees are proposed to be revised (with 96 increases and 30 reductions) and 2 new fees relating to immunization and preventive medications (items 117 and 126 in Annex A) are proposed to be added. All the fees should have relatively little impact on the daily life of the general public or general business activities. Details of fee proposal are at **Annex A**.

Licensing Examination for Medical Practitioners (items 50-53)

7. The Licensing Examination for medical practitioners is for providing an avenue for those medical graduates from other jurisdictions who wish to register as medical practitioners with the Medical Council of Hong Kong. It comprises three parts, namely, Part I - Examination in Professional Knowledge, Part II - Proficiency Test in Medical English and Part III - Clinical Examination. The Licensing Examination, which is pitched at a level on par with the qualifying examination on Medicine and Surgery for undergraduates of the University of Hong Kong and the Chinese University of Hong Kong, has all along been run by the two universities.

8. The unit cost of the Licensing Examination has been computed only on the cost incurred by the Medical Council Secretariat for administrative arrangements of the examination. As regards the cost incurred by the universities (*including setting examination questions and providing examiners, testing candidates in hospital environment with participation by actual patients*), it has not been recovered from the candidates. Based on the existing methodology of computing the unit cost, the cost recovery rates for Parts I, II and III are 43%, 19% and 18% respectively. However, if the cost incurred by the two universities is to be factored into the calculation (about \$3 million in 2005-06), the cost recovery rate would drop to 14%, 11% and 2% for Parts I, II and III respectively.

9. The Medical Council has advised that the existing format of the Licensing Examination is appropriate and no changes should be introduced to maintain the standard. Furthermore, having regard to the current arrangement and to avoid increasing the fees to a prohibitively high level which would discourage eligible candidates from sitting the Examination, the Council opined

that it was impracticable to recover full cost plus the cost incurred by the two universities in conducting the Licensing Examination. The Administration also considers it not pragmatic to revise the calculation methodology to include the cost incurred by the two universities. Nevertheless, the issue would be reviewed in future when the fees have been revised to a level close to that required to recover the full cost incurred by the Medical Council Secretariat for arranging the examination.

10. When the fee proposal for the Licensing Examination was last considered by the Legislative Council Panel on Health Services in June 2000, the Administration pointed out that a greater magnitude of fee increase would be required in subsequent years. It was also considered by some Members that the Government has no obligation to subsidise the examination fee. If the fees were to be adjusted in accordance with the general guidelines in paragraph 5 above, it would take about twelve years before the Licensing Examination fees could be increased to a level sufficient to recover the full cost incurred by the Medical Council Secretariat. In order to achieve the said cost recovery within a more reasonable timeframe and to be more consistent with the cost recovery rate of licensing examinations for other health care professionals (all above 44%), we are of the view that the guidelines in paragraph 5 above should not apply and that the fee for Part I be increased by 50% and the fees for Parts II and III be increased by 100%. The total fees for three parts of the examination will be increased from \$4,420 to \$7,840. Notwithstanding the significant increase, the fees are not unreasonable.

Travellers' Health Service (items 115 to 128)

11. DH introduced travellers' health service since July 2000 to offer travel-related health advice and preventive medications to people planning to travel outside Hong Kong on a full cost recovery basis. The fee items have been reviewed in light of the inclusion of new vaccines and medications and changes in cost. Based on the review results and to keep the fees at full cost level, the fees are in general proposed to be increased/reduced to full cost in one go.

EFFICIENCY INITIATIVES

12. DH regularly reviews and streamlines the relevant work procedures and implements efficiency initiatives to reduce or contain costs in providing the services. Such efficiency savings have been reflected in the proposed fee adjustments.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

13. If the proposed fees and charges adjustments are implemented, there will be a net increase of about \$0.57 million in revenue per annum.

CONSULTATION

14. We have sought the views of the bodies at **Annex B** on the fee proposal. Except for the Chinese Medicine Council of Hong Kong, the other bodies raised no objection to the proposal. The Chinese Medicine Council suggested that the fees relating to the Licensing Examination for Chinese medicine practitioners (i.e. items 90 to 92) should be increased by 5% instead of 15% having regard to the economic ability of the local Chinese medicine degree courses graduates. However, when the Chinese Medicine Practitioners (Fees) Regulation was made in 2000, the Legislative Council approved that the fees for administering the registration system should be set at 70% of the cost at the initial stage with full cost recovery in three years. Due to the moratorium on fee adjustment, the fees have actually not been revised for the past five years. Furthermore, with the availability of actual costing data, it is found that the cost recovery rate of the current fees is actually below 70%. In order that full cost could be recovered within a reasonable timeframe, the Administration considers that the fees should be adjusted according to the guidelines in paragraph 5 above.

IMPLEMENTATION TIMETABLE

15. To tie in with the date of renewing the practising certificate for most of the health care professionals, we plan to implement the new fees on 1 July 2006.

16. Members are invited to give their views on the proposed revision of fees and charges set out in **Annex A**.

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Annex A

Fee Item	Description of Fee Item	Last Revision Date	Existing Fee (\$)	Unit Cost (at 2005-06 price level)	Cost Recovery Rate	Proposed Fee (\$)	Proposed amount of increase/decrease (\$)	% increase/decrease	Annual Caseload	Annual increase/decrease in revenue (\$)
<u>Dangerous Drugs Regulations (Cap. 134A)</u>										
1	Licence to manufacture dangerous drug	Nov 1994	1,340	2,090	64%	1,540	200	15%	19	3,800
2	Wholesale dealer's licence to supply dangerous drug	Nov 1994	780	1,079	72%	860	80	10%	125	10,000
<u>Antibiotics Regulations (Cap. 137A)</u>										
3	Application for a permit	Dec 1994	390	591	66%	450	60	15%	37	2,220
4	Renewal of a permit	Dec 1994	335	451	74%	370	35	10%	582	20,370
<u>Pharmacy and Poisons Regulations (Cap. 138A)</u>										
5	Registration of premises of an authorized seller of poisons	Jun 1989	500	2,443	20%	600	100	20%	49	4,900
6	Retention of premises on the register of premises, each year	Dec 1994	1,390	1,310	106%	1,310	-80	-6%	418	-33,440
7	Application for entry on the list of listed sellers of poisons	Dec 1994	395	586	67%	455	60	15%	367	22,020
8	Retention on the list of listed sellers of poisons, each year	Dec 1994	375	569	66%	430	55	15%	2,753	151,415

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9	Any alteration to register of premises or to the list of listed sellers	Dec 1994	225	280	80%	250	25	11%	101	2,525
10	An annual licence for wholesale dealers in poisons	Dec 1994	1,220	625	195%	625	-595	-49%	847	-503,965
11	Annual licence for manufacturers	Dec 1994	1,340	12,901	10%	1,610	270	20%	40	10,800
12	Application for registration of a product	Dec 1994	550	8,395	7%	660	110	20%	1,558	171,380
13	Renewal of a certificate of registration of a product	Dec 1994	500	1,186	42%	575	75	15%	2,600	195,000
14	Free Sale Certificate of Pharmaceutical Product	Jun 1989	500	181	276%	180	-320	-64%	23	-7,360
15	Certificate of Pharmaceutical Product	Dec 1994	120	181	66%	140	20	17%	11	220
16	Certificate and Interim Certificate for Manufacturer	Dec 1994	1,760	2,557	69%	2,020	260	15%	21	5,460
17	Application for a clinical trial or medicinal test	Dec 1994	1,290	1,603	80%	1,420	130	10%	132	17,160
18	Certificate for clinical trial or medicinal test	Dec 1994	1,290	1,603	80%	1,420	130	10%	105	13,650
19	Application for registration as an importer or exporter of pharmaceutical products	Dec 1994	780	719	108%	720	-60	-8%	28	-1,680
20	Duplicate of any certificate	Dec 1994	190	274	69%	220	30	16%	519	15,570

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<u>Pharmacy and Poisons (Pharmacy and Poisons Appeal Tribunal) Regulations (Cap. 138D)</u>										
21	Appeal hearing	Dec 1994	835	29,222	3%	1,000	165	20%	2	330
<u>Pharmacists (Disciplinary Procedure) Regulations (Cap. 138E)</u>										
22	Verbatim record of proceedings of an inquiry for each folio of 72 words or part thereof	Aug 1992	73	43	170%	43	-30	-41%	1	-30
<u>Quarantine and Prevention of Disease (Scale of Charges) Regulations (Cap. 141D)</u>										
23	For the issue of a deratting exemption certificate	Nov 1996	1,940	2,200	88%	2,130	190	10%	310	58,900
24	For supervision during disinsecting an aircraft and certification	Nov 1996	735	692	106%	690	-45	-6%	1	-45
<u>Dentists (Registration and Disciplinary Procedure) Regulations (Cap. 156A)</u>										
25	Verbatim record of proceedings for each folio of 72 words or part thereof	Aug 1992	73	43	170%	43	-30	-41%	1	-30
26	Re-registration	Jan 2001	1,650	1,836	90%	1,820	170	10%	12	2,040
27	Certificate of standing	Jan 2001	475	517	92%	515	40	8%	48	1,920
28	Certificate verifying registration	Jan 2001	475	514	92%	515	40	8%	1	40
29	Alteration to the register	Jan 2001	615	675	91%	675	60	10%	75	4,500

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30	Certified copy of an entry in the register	Jan 2001	475	520	91%	520	45	9%	1	45
31	Duplicate certificate of registration	Jan 2001	530	589	90%	585	55	10%	28	1,540
32	Certified copy of certificate of registration	Jan 2001	530	586	90%	585	55	10%	144	7,920
33	Practising certificate - for a dentist whose name is on the register for dentists resident in Hong Kong	Jan 2001	460	507	91%	505	45	10%	1,690	76,050
34	Practising certificate - for a person deemed to be a registered dentist under s.30(3)(a)	Jan 2001	460	506	91%	505	45	10%	10	450
35	Entrance for examination, in each part	Jan 2001	4,395	8,393	52%	5,050	655	15%	47	30,785
<u>Ancillary Dental Workers (Dental Hygienists) Regulations (Cap. 156B)</u>										
36	Enrolment fee for dental hygienists	Jan 2001	1,650	1,772	93%	1,770	120	7%	1	120
<u>Medical Registration (Fees) Regulation (Cap. 161C)</u>										
37	Registration in Part I of the General Register	Jan 2001	960	1,332	72%	1,060	100	10%	395	39,500
38	Registration in Part II of the General Register	Jan 2001	290	481	60%	335	45	16%	330	14,850
39	Registration in Part III of the General Register	Jan 2001	960	1,634	59%	1,100	140	15%	220	30,800
40	Inclusion of name in the Specialist Register	Jan 2001	960	1,319	73%	1,060	100	10%	240	24,000

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41	Restoration to the General or Specialist Register	Jan 2001	600	1,225	49%	690	90	15%	20	1,800
42	Certificate verifying registration in the General Register, or inclusion of name in the Specialist Register	Jan 2001	290	374	78%	320	30	10%	1	30
43	Alteration to the General or Specialist Register	Jan 2001	300	543	55%	345	45	15%	50	2,250
44	Certified copy of an entry in the General or Specialist Register	Jan 2001	385	490	79%	425	40	10%	40	1,600
45	Practising certificate - for a medical practitioner registered under s.14 of the Ordinance in the General Register	Dec 1994	420	348	121%	350	-70	-17%	9,940	-695,800
46	Practising certificate - for a medical practitioner registered with limited registration under s.14A of the Ordinance	Dec 1994	420	347	121%	350	-70	-17%	220	-15,400
47	Practising certificate - for a medical practitioner registered with temporary registration under s.14B of the Ordinance	Jan 2001	275	249	110%	250	-25	-9%	55	-1,375
48	Retention fee for certificate under s.19A of the Ordinance	Jan 2001	290	338	86%	320	30	10%	1,100	33,000
49	Application under s. 7A(1)(a) of the Ordinance	Jan 2001	1,200	2,686	45%	1,380	180	15%	114	20,520

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50	Licensing examination fees - examination in professional knowledge	Jan 2001	2,005	4,695 (14,113) ^{Note 1}	43% (14%) ^{Note 1}	3,010	1,005	50%	84	84,420
51	Licensing examination fees - proficiency test in medical English	Jan 2001	805	4,166 (7,396) ^{Note 1}	19% (11%) ^{Note 1}	1,610	805	100%	40	32,200
52	Licensing examination fees - clinical examination	Jan 2001	1,610	9,082 (108,191) ^{Note 1}	18% (2%) ^{Note 1}	3,220	1,610	100%	19	30,590
53	Licensing examination fees - any one discipline in the clinical examination	Jan 2001	600	3,434 (28,212) ^{Note 1}	17% (2%) ^{Note 1}	1,200	600	100%	8	4,800
54	Certified copy of record of training received during the period of assessment under s.10A of the Ordinance	Jan 2001	300	1,439	21%	360	60	20%	10	600
55	Verbatim record of proceedings of an inquiry for each folio of 72 words or part thereof	Dec 1994	73	43	170%	43	-30	-41%	1	-30
<u>Midwives Registration (Fees) Regulation (Cap. 162B)</u>										
56	Verbatim record of proceedings of an inquiry for each folio of 72 words or part thereof	Aug 1992	73	43	170%	43	-30	-41%	1	-30

Note 1: () denotes the total cost if the methodology for computing the unit cost is changed to include the expenses incurred by the two universities in running the examination. Please refer to paragraphs 7 and 8 of the paper.

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<u>Nurses (Registration and Disciplinary Procedure) Regulations (Cap. 164A)</u>										
57	Entrance fee for any examination	Jan 2001	620	1,024	61%	715	95	15%	10	950
58	Entrance fee for any re-examination	Jan 2001	620	1,024	61%	715	95	15%	14	1,330
59	Verbatim record of proceedings for each folio of 72 words or part thereof	Aug 1992	73	43	170%	43	-30	-41%	1	-30
<u>Enrolled Nurses (Enrolment and Disciplinary Procedure) Regulations (Cap. 164B)</u>										
60	Entrance fee for any examination	Jan 2001	665	1,036	64%	765	100	15%	15	1,500
61	Entrance fee for any re-examination	Jan 2001	665	1,036	64%	765	100	15%	8	800
62	Verbatim record of proceedings for each folio of 72 words or part thereof	Aug 1992	73	43	170%	43	-30	-41%	1	-30
<u>Radiation (Control of Radioactive Substances) Regulations (Cap. 303A)</u>										
63	Grant or renewal of a licence for any radioactive substance	Dec 1994	2,770	3,993	69%	3,190	420	15%	605	254,100
64	Certified copy of certificate of fitness for employment in radiation work	Dec 1994	95	30	317%	30	-65	-68%	1	-65

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<u>Radiation (Control of Irradiating Apparatus) Regulations (Cap. 303B)</u>										
65	Certified copy of certificate of fitness to engage in radiation work	Dec 1994	95	30	317%	30	-65	-68%	1	-65
66	A licence to possess an irradiating apparatus in a non-functional state or to possess an irradiating apparatus pending consideration of an application for a licence to possess the apparatus in a functional state	Mar 1997	585	409	143%	410	-175	-30%	335	-58,625
67	A licence to use any irradiating apparatus or apparatuses	Mar 1997	330	162	204%	160	-170	-52%	2,744	-466,480
<u>Medical Laboratory Technologists (Registration and Disciplinary Procedure) Regulations (Cap. 359A)</u>										
68	Examination fee for an examination under s.15A	Jan 2001	1,270	2,916	44%	1,460	190	15%	14	2,660
69	Verbatim record of proceedings for each folio of 72 words or part thereof	Aug 1992	73	43	170%	43	-30	-41%	1	-30
<u>Occupational Therapists (Registration and Disciplinary Procedure) Regulations (Cap. 359B)</u>										
70	Examination fee for an examination under s.15A	Jan 2001	1,270	2,916	44%	1,460	190	15%	1	190
71	Verbatim record of proceedings for each folio of 72 words or part thereof	Aug 1992	73	43	170%	43	-30	-41%	1	-30

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<u>Optometrists (Registration and Disciplinary Procedure) Regulation (Cap. 359F)</u>										
72	Examination fee for an examination for the purpose of s.12(1)(a) of the Ordinance	Jan 2001	1,270	2,916	44%	1,460	190	15%	100	19,000
73	Examination fee for an examination for the purpose of s.15(2) and (2A) of the Ordinance on refraction or contact lenses	Jul 1990	530	1,074	49%	610	80	15%	1	80
74	Verbatim record of proceedings for each folio of 72 words or part thereof	Aug 1992	73	43	170%	43	-30	-41%	1	-30
<u>Radiographers (Registration and Disciplinary Procedure) Regulation (Cap. 359H)</u>										
75	Examination fee for an examination for the purpose of s.15A of the Ordinance	Jan 2001	1,270	2,916	44%	1,460	190	15%	2	380
76	Verbatim record of proceedings for each folio of 72 words or part thereof	Aug 1992	73	43	170%	43	-30	-41%	1	-30
<u>Physiotherapists (Registration and Disciplinary Procedure) Regulation (Cap. 359J)</u>										
77	Examination fee for any examination conducted under s.15A of the Ordinance	Jan 2001	1,270	2,916	44%	1,460	190	15%	2	380
78	Verbatim record of proceedings for each folio of 72 words or part thereof	Aug 1992	73	43	170%	43	-30	-41%	1	-30

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<u>Chiropractors Registration (Fees) Regulation (Cap. 428A)</u>										
79	Application for registration under s. 10 of the Ordinance	Sep 2001	3,055	4,220	72%	3,360	305	10%	6	1,830
80	Application for issue of a practising certificate under s. 12 of the Ordinance	Sep 2001	1,240	1,732	72%	1,360	120	10%	6	720
81	Application for renewal of a practising certificate under s. 12 of the Ordinance	Sep 2001	1,240	1,741	71%	1,360	120	10%	73	8,760
82	Certification of registration issued under s. 14 of the Ordinance	Sep 2001	2,370	3,345	71%	2,610	240	10%	6	1,440
83	Restoration of an applicant's name to the register under s. 20 of the Ordinance	Sep 2001	655	915	72%	720	65	10%	5	325
84	Certificate signed by the Secretary, certifying any of the following- (i) that the name of a person has/has not been entered in the register; (ii) that the name of a person has been removed/ordered to be removed from the register	Sep 2001	700	986	71%	770	70	10%	5	350
85	Certificate signed by the Secretary, certifying that at a date specified in the certificate a person is not or was not the holder of a practising certificate then in force	Sep 2001	700	986	71%	770	70	10%	5	350
86	Verbatim record of proceedings of an inquiry for each folio of 72 words or part thereof	Sep 2001	73	43	169%	43	-30	-41%	1	-30

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<u>Chinese Medicine Practitioners (Fees) Regulation (Cap. 549B)</u>										
87	Application for registration as a registered Chinese medicine practitioner	Aug 2000	833	884	94%	885	52	6%	250	13,000
88	Application for or renewal of registration as a registered Chinese medicine practitioner with limited registration	Aug 2000	833	1,584	53%	960	127	15%	70	8,890
89	Restoration to the Register	Aug 2000	714	664	108%	665	-49	-7%	1	-49
90	Application for taking the Licensing Examination	Aug 2000	1,022	1,495	68%	1,180	158	15%	350	55,300
91	Taking Licensing Examination - Part I	Aug 2000	1,841	3,084	60%	2,120	279	15%	750	209,250
92	Taking Licensing Examination - Part II	Aug 2000	2,688	5,324	50%	3,090	402	15%	350	140,700
93	Review of results of the Licensing Examination - Part I	Aug 2000	714	1,494	48%	820	106	15%	30	3,180
94	Review of results of the Licensing Examination - Part II	Aug 2000	819	2,717	30%	985	166	20%	20	3,320
95	Verbatim record of proceedings of an inquiry against a Chinese medicine practitioner - every 72 words or less	Aug 2000	73	43	170%	43	-30	-41%	2	-60
96	Certified copy of an entry in the Register	Aug 2000	280	297	94%	295	15	5%	5	75

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97	Duplicate of a certificate of passing the Licensing Examination	Aug 2000	399	112	356%	110	-289	-72%	1	-289
<u>Chinese Medicine (Fees) Regulation (Cap. 549E)</u>										
98	Issue of a wholesaler licence in Chinese herbal medicines	Apr 2003	1,100	1,570	70%	1,210	110	10%	240	26,400
99	Issue of a retailer licence in Chinese herbal medicines	Apr 2003	995	1,425	70%	1,090	95	10%	800	76,000
100	Issue of a wholesaler licence in proprietary Chinese medicines	Apr 2003	1,100	1,570	70%	1,210	110	10%	750	82,500
101	Issue of a manufacturer licence in proprietary Chinese medicines	Apr 2003	2,890	4,121	70%	3,180	290	10%	67	19,430
102	Renewal of a wholesaler licence in Chinese herbal medicines	Apr 2003	955	1,316	73%	1,050	95	10%	1	95
103	Renewal of a wholesaler licence in proprietary Chinese medicines	Apr 2003	955	1,316	73%	1,050	95	10%	1	95
104	Renewal of a retailer licence in Chinese herbal medicines	Apr 2003	850	1,170	73%	935	85	10%	1	85
105	Renewal of a manufacturer licence in proprietary Chinese medicines	Apr 2003	2,440	3,362	73%	2,680	240	10%	1	240
106	Issue of a certified copy of a licence or certificate	Apr 2003	140	132	106%	130	-10	-7%	30	-300

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107	Change of the address of the premises specified in a licence	Apr 2003	700	1,263	55%	805	105	15%	60	6,300
108	Issue of a certificate for manufacturer (Good practices in manufacture)	Apr 2003	26,650	38,338	70%	29,300	2,650	10%	1	2,650
<u>Miscellaneous Medical Charges</u>										
109	For certificates and medical reports for insurance and other purposes and for post-mortem reports (maximum \$3,040)	Nov 1996	510	662	77%	560	50	10%	1,200	60,000
110	For the issue of a detailed transcript of the course of training for a member of the Nursing grade in ex-Government hospitals and clinics	Nov 1996	385	489	79%	425	40	10%	60	2,400
111	For personnel radiation monitoring services - dosimeter cum holder	Nov 1996	240	721	33%	290	50	21%	612	30,600
112	Ringlet dosimeter (per unit)	Sep 2003	280	300	93%	300	20	7%	17	340
113	Extremity radiation monitoring service (per person per year including 12 disposable finger rings)	Sep 2003	615	712	86%	675	60	10%	175	10,500
114	Duplicate copy of an X-ray film required by private medical practitioner ^{Note 2}	Nov 1996	230	N/A	N/A	290	60	26%	280	16,800

Note 2: The fee is pegged to that charged by the Hospital Authority.

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<u>Travellers' Health Service</u>										
115	Consultation (do not cover the fees of immunisation, laboratory investigation and supply of medicines, certificate and travel kits)	Jul 2000	340	314	108%	315	-25	-7%	2,220	-55,500
116	Immunisation - Hepatitis A immuno-globulin (per dose)	Jul 2000	120	204	59%	185	65	54%	5	325
117 (New item)	Immunisation - Meningococcal meningitis vaccine - 4 + (per dose)	N/A	N/A	240	N/A	240	240	N/A	25	6,000
118	Official certificate for vaccination against yellow fever for international travel	Jul 2000	180	232	78%	200	20	11%	1,270	25,400
119	Laboratory investigation - Blood test for Hepatitis A antibody (per test)	Jul 2000	210	225	93%	225	15	7%	5	75
120	Laboratory investigation - Blood test for Hepatitis B surface antigen (per test)	Jul 2000	160	175	91%	175	15	9%	5	75
121	Laboratory investigation - Blood test for Hepatitis B antibody (per test)	Jul 2000	150	165	91%	165	15	10%	60	900
122	Preventive medications - Anti-malarial tablets Chloroquine (per course)	Jul 2000	75	48	156%	50	-25	-33%	20	-500

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123	Preventive medications - Anti-malarial tablets Chloroquine + Proguanil (per course)	Jul 2000	75	201	37%	200	125	167%	260	32,500
124	Preventive medications - Anti-malarial tablets Mefloquine (per course)	Jul 2000	75	275	27%	275	200	267%	555	111,000
125	Preventive medications - Anti-malarial tablets Doxycycline (per course)	Jul 2000	75	98	77%	100	25	33%	80	2,000
126 (New item)	Preventive medications - Anti-malarial tablets Malarone (per course)	N/A	N/A	1,069	N/A	1,070	1,070	N/A	10	10,700
127	Preventive medications - Acute mountain sickness tablets Acetazolamide (per course)	Jul 2000	40	45	89%	45	5	13%	120	600
128	Travel health kit	Jul 2000	70	101	69%	100	30	43%	100	3,000

Total: 566,602

The views of the following bodies have been sought on the fee proposal:

1. Chinese Medicine Council of Hong Kong
2. Chinese Medicine Practitioners Board
3. Chinese Medicines Board
4. Chiropractors Council
5. Dental Council of Hong Kong
6. Medical Council of Hong Kong
7. Medical Laboratory Technologists Board
8. Midwives Council of Hong Kong
9. Nursing Council of Hong Kong
10. Occupational Therapists Board
11. Optometrists Board
12. Pharmacy and Poisons Board
13. Physiotherapists Board
14. Radiation Board
15. Radiographers Board
16. Representatives of Shipping Sector
17. Supplementary Medical Professions Council