

Panel on Education
List of follow-up actions
(position as at 4 January 2007)

Subject	Date of meeting	Follow-up action required	Administration's response
1. <u>Further expansion of the Non-means Tested Loan Scheme (NLS)</u> 1.1 Risk-adjusted factor and repayment period	19.6.00 and 26.1.06	The Administration was requested to review the risk-adjusted factor and the repayment period of NLS in the light of members' comments at the meeting.	Response awaited. <u>Latest position</u> The Administration is considering the possibility of outsourcing NLS to the private sector.
2. <u>Briefing on the Higher Education Review</u> 2.1 Institutional governance and staff grievances	2.12.02 and 21.6.04	The University Grants Committee (UGC) agreed to provide an update on the development of an internal grievances and complaint mechanism in UGC-funded tertiary institutions at an appropriate time.	Response awaited. <u>Latest position</u> All the institutions have completed reviews of their governance and management structures, including their internal grievances and complaint mechanisms. The Administration will provide an update in due course.

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<p>3. <u>Consolidation of high cost and low utilization primary schools</u></p> <p>3.1 Policy and follow-up measures</p>	<p>19.4.04</p>	<p>The Administration was requested to provide an information paper on its long-term policy and follow-up measures to resolve the problems arising from consolidation of under-utilized primary schools and provide an estimate of the number of primary schools which would be affected by the policy in the future.</p>	<p>Response awaited.</p> <p><u>Latest Position</u> The information paper will be prepared in due course taking into account the outcome of the various reviews / studies in progress and the latest student population projection.</p>
<p>4. <u>Briefing by the Secretary for Education and Manpower on the Chief Executive's Policy Address 2005-2006</u></p> <p>4.1 Bullying and violence in schools</p> <p>4.2 Provision of post-secondary education opportunities to meet the forecast manpower needs</p>	<p>20.10.05</p> <p>20.10.05</p>	<p>The Administration undertook to provide an information note on bullying and violence in schools.</p> <p>The Administration was requested to provide an information note on provision of post-secondary education opportunities to meet the forecast manpower needs.</p>	<p>Response awaited.</p> <p>Response awaited.</p>

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<p>5. <u>Injection into the Language Fund</u></p> <p>5.1 Teaching of English in kindergarten</p> <p>5.2 Teaching of Chinese Language in Putonghua</p>	<p>12.12.05</p> <p>12.12.05</p>	<p>The Administration was requested to provide the Panel with the report of the pilot scheme on provision of support to kindergarten in providing quality English exposure to pre-primary students.</p> <p>The Administration was requested to provide the Panel with the report on the survey conducted by the Standing Committee on Language and Research on the use of Putonghua to teach Chinese Language in schools.</p>	<p>Response awaited.</p> <p>Response awaited.</p>
<p>6. <u>University tuition fees</u></p> <p>6.1 Cost recovery rate for degree programmes</p>	<p>8.5.06</p>	<p>The Administration was requested to provide a paper to clarify its policy and calculations on the cost recovery rate for degree programmes in UGC-funded institutions.</p>	<p>The Administration's response was circulated to members vide LC Paper No. CB(2)641/06-07 on 12 December 2006.</p>
<p>7. <u>Kindergarten and Child Care Centre Remission Scheme (KCFRS)</u></p> <p>7.1 Reimbursement of fees to parents</p>	<p>21.7.06</p>	<p>The Administration was requested to provide a breakdown of the number and amount of fee reimbursements to parents by month in the past years.</p>	<p>Response awaited.</p>

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<p>8. <u>Gifted Education</u></p> <p>8.1 Injecting government funds to establish the Academy for Gifted Education</p>	<p>16.11.06</p>	<p>The Administration was requested to provide detailed information on how the \$100 million donation and the \$100 million injection by Government would be used, and its plans to enhance gifted education and the terms of reference and membership of the Preparatory Committee on gifted education.</p>	<p>The Administration will submit a paper to substantiate the paper presented on 16 November 2006. Details like funding arrangements, identification of gifted students, and collaboration of the Academy with other stakeholders would be presented for discussion. Upon Members' endorsement at the Panel meeting, it is anticipated that a paper would be submitted to the Finance Committee for approval of fund injection on 26 January 2007.</p>
<p>9. <u>Articulation and employment opportunities for sub-degree graduates</u></p> <p>9.1 Supply and demand of sub-degree places and resources allocation</p> <p>9.2 Participation rate of university education in overseas places</p>	<p>11.12.06</p> <p>11.12.06</p>	<p>The Administration was requested to provide updated information concerning the supply and demand of sub-degree places and the resources allocated for the sector.</p> <p>The Administration was requested to provide the percentage of secondary school graduates who had access to university education in overseas places such as South Korea and Taiwan.</p>	<p>Response awaited.</p> <p>Response awaited.</p>

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9.3 Sub-degree qualifications of civil service recruits in 2005.	11.12.06	The Administration was requested to provide a breakdown of the sub-degree qualifications held by the 1 206 new recruits in 2005 by the types of the sub-degree programmes and the name of the awarding institutions, and information on the nature of their civil service appointments.	Response awaited.
10. <u>Provision of hostels for non-local students</u> 10.1 Student hostel and campus development projects	11.12.06	The Administration was requested to provide an information paper on the proposed and planned student hostel projects and campus development projects for UGC-funded institutions in preparation for the implementation of four-year degree programmes under the new academic structure.	Response awaited.