

Panel on Education
List of follow-up actions
(position as at 9 November 2006)

Subject	Date of meeting	Follow-up action required	Administration's response
<p>1. <u>Further expansion of the Non-means Tested Loan Scheme (NLS)</u></p> <p>1.1 Risk-adjusted factor and repayment period</p>	<p>19.6.00 and 26.1.06</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>Response awaited.</p> <p><u>Latest position</u> The Administration is considering the possibility of outsourcing NLS to the private sector.</p>
<p>2. <u>Briefing on the Higher Education Review</u></p> <p>2.1 Institutional governance and staff grievances</p>	<p>2.12.02 and 21.6.04</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>Response awaited.</p> <p><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.</p>

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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>Review of Post-secondary Education Sector</u></p> <p>6.1 Reduction of taught post-graduate and sub-degree programme places</p>	<p>27.3.06</p>	<p>The Administration was requested to provide a breakdown of the reduction in the number of publicly-funded taught post-graduate and sub-degree programme places in UGC-funded institutions since the adoption of the self-financing policy in the 2003-04 academic year.</p>	<p>The Administration's response was circulated to members vide LC Paper No. CB(2)282/06-07 on 7 November 2006.</p>

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<p>6.2 Appointment of sub-degree programme graduates to civil service posts</p> <p>6.3 University places for sub-degree programme graduates</p> <p>6.4 Allocation of vacated school premises for use by private post-secondary institutions</p>	<p>27.3.06</p> <p>27.3.06</p> <p>27.3.06</p>	<p>The Administration was requested to provide statistics on sub-degree graduates appointed to the civil service posts over the past years.</p> <p>The Administration was requested to provide the respective numbers of sub-degree programme graduates who were assessed to be capable of pursuing university education in the 2004-05 and 2005-06 academic years.</p> <p>The Administration was requested to consider allocating vacated school premises to post-secondary education service providers</p>	<p>} } } } } } } } } } } }</p> <p>The Administration's response was circulated to members vide LC Paper No. CB(2) 282/06-07 on 7 November 2006.</p>
<p>7. <u>University tuition fees</u></p> <p>7.1 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>Response awaited.</p>

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8. <u>Kindergarten and Child Care Centre Remission Scheme (KCFRS)</u> 8.1 Reimbursement of fees to parents	21.7.06	The Administration was requested to provide a breakdown of the number and amount of fee reimbursements to parents by month in the past years.	Response awaited.

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