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Panel on Welfare Services

Subcommittee on Strategy and Measures to Tackle Family Violence

Work plan of the Subcommittee

Purpose

This paper informs the Panel on Welfare Services of the work plan for the Subcommittee on Strategy and Measures to Tackle Family Violence (the Subcommittee) and the time frame for completion of work which have been endorsed by the Subcommittee by circulation.

Terms of reference of the Subcommittee

2. The Subcommittee was formed by the Panel on Welfare Services on 8 November 2004 "To examine ways on improving the existing strategy and measures to tackle family violence, taking into consideration the views of non-governmental organisations providing welfare services, other concerned groups and the public".

Issues previously discussed by the Subcommittee

3. Issues previously discussed are as follows -
- (a) recommendations of the Review Panel on Family Services in Tin Shui Wai (TSW), the Hong Kong University's study on child and spousal abuse and the Coroner's Court on the TSW incident;
 - (b) district welfare planning mechanism, including the Kwun Tong Concourse and the District Liaison Groups on Domestic Violence;

- (c) town planning to meet district needs;
- (d) centralised mechanism on family violence;
- (e) improvement measures of the Police on handling family violence;
- (f) proposed amendments to the Domestic Violence Ordinance; and
- (g) housing assistance to victims of family violence.

Subcommittee's work plan

4. The Subcommittee will hold its next meeting on 23 April 2007 and will meet regularly thereafter until May 2008 to complete its work as set out below. The Subcommittee will present a report to the Panel on Welfare Services in June 2008.

May/June 2007

- Risk assessment tools for spouse battering and child abuse;
- Strategies for prevention of domestic violence;

October/November 2007

- Review of the improvement measures on handling domestic violence by the Police;
- Prosecution of abusers;

December 2007/January 2008

- Review of shelter service;
- Review of the central coordinating mechanism on domestic violence;

February/March 2008

- Streamlining of application for injunction order;
- Establishment of a specialised domestic violence court; and

April/May 2008

- Review of the batterer intervention programme.

Advice sought

5. Members are invited to note the work plan and the time frame for completion of work of the Subcommittee.

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