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**Activation of the Subcommittee on Elderly Services
under the Panel on Welfare Services**

Purpose

This paper invites Members to consider whether the captioned subcommittee should be activated.

Background

2. At the House Committee meeting on 2 March 2007, Members agreed that the maximum number of subcommittees on policy issues and Council business other than subsidiary legislation, other instruments and senior judicial appointments should be eight. When eight such subcommittees are already in operation and new subcommittee(s) has been appointed, a waiting list will be formed. If the number of Bills Committees is less than 16, the House Committee might activate subcommittees on the waiting list after having considered the following –

- (a) the number of vacant slots for Bills Committees;
- (b) the number of bills likely to be introduced in the Council in the next three months;
- (c) the number of subcommittees on subsidiary legislation already or likely to be appointed by the House Committee and by Bills Committees; and
- (d) the availability of resources in the Secretariat.

Latest position

3. At its meeting on 12 November 2007, the Panel on Welfare Services

decided to appoint a Subcommittee on Elderly Services. Information relating to the subcommittee as regards its terms of reference, work plan and time frame is in **Appendix I** for Members' reference. As 12 policy-related subcommittees are already in action, the subcommittee has been put on the waiting list in accordance with the decision of the House Committee.

4. Members may wish to note that three of the 12 policy-related subcommittees (i.e. the Subcommittee on Review of the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance Scheme under the Panel on Welfare Services, the Subcommittee to Follow Up the Outstanding Leisure and Cultural Services Projects of the Former Municipal Councils under the Panel on Home Affairs, and the Subcommittee to Review the Planning for the Central Waterfront (including the Tamar Site) under the Panel on Development) are concluding their work, and are expected to be dissolved upon presentation of their reports to the respective Panels by December 2007.

5. Currently, only 11 Bills Committees are in action. As there are five vacant Bills Committee slots, the House Committee is invited to consider if the Subcommittee on Elderly Services should be activated. A position report on the existing and anticipated number of Bills Committees and subcommittees is in **Appendix II** to facilitate Members' consideration.

Advice sought

6. Members are invited to advise whether the Subcommittee on Elderly Services should be activated.

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Legislative Council Secretariat
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Subcommittee on Elderly Services

Terms of reference

The Subcommittee will study issues relating to elderly services and examine possible measures to improve the provision of such services, taking into consideration the views of the public, service users and non-governmental organisations providing elderly services.

Work plan and time frame

2. The Subcommittee will focus its work on the following major areas –
 - (a) to review the existing provision of financial assistance and support services for the needy elders and hidden elders, as well as the provision of elderly day care places and residential care places for the elderly, respite service for the elderly, home-based community care services and support for elderly hospital discharges;
 - (b) to monitor the Government and relevant authorities in implementing the plans for elderly services; and
 - (c) to discuss with the Government and relevant parties possible measures to improve services for the elderly.

3. The Subcommittee may also meet with deputations to receive their views on individual subject matters. The Subcommittee will complete its work and report to the Panel on Welfare Services in June 2008.

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Existing and anticipated Bills Committees and subcommittees
(Position as at 13 November 2007)

Summary	1. Estimated number of Bills Committees within the next three months	:	23	} (see <u>List A</u> for details)
	2. Estimated number of subcommittees on subsidiary legislation in action within the next three months	:	11	
	3. Estimated number of subcommittees on policy issues in action within the next three months	:	9	

List A : Existing and anticipated Bills Committees and subcommittees

(A) Bills Committees (<i>Maximum number : 16</i>)			(B) Subcommittees on subsidiary legislation (<i>Notional maximum number : 2</i>)		(C) Subcommittees on policy issues (<i>Maximum number : 8</i>)		
(i) Bills Committees in action	(ii) Bills Committees expected to be formed in the next three months	(iii) Existing Bills Committees expected to complete work	(i) Subcommittees in action (<i>End of scrutiny period</i>)	(ii) Subsidiary legislation expected to be gazetted in the next three months and on which subcommittees are expected to be formed	(i) Subcommittees in action	(ii) Existing subcommittees expected to complete work	(iii) Subcommittees on the waiting list
Total : 11	12	0	Total : 4	7	Total : 12	3	1
1. Bills Committee (BC) on Race Discrimination Bill 2. BC on Domicile Bill 3. BC on Mainland Judgments (Reciprocal Enforcement) Bill 4. BC on Energy Efficiency (Labelling of Products) Bill 5. BC on Civil Justice (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill 2007 6. BC on Statute Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2007 7. BC on The English Schools Foundation (Amendment) Bill 2007	<div style="background-color: #e0e0e0; padding: 2px;">(a) Bills on the Legislative Programme</div> (Of the 15 bills listed in the Administration's 2007-2008 Legislative Programme, 12 BCs are expected to be formed. Please refer to List B for details.) <div style="text-align: right;">Sub-total : 12</div> <div style="background-color: #e0e0e0; padding: 2px;">(b) Bills not on the Legislative Programme</div> <div style="text-align: right;">Sub-total : 0</div> <div style="background-color: #e0e0e0; padding: 2px;">(c) Members' Bills</div> <div style="text-align: right;">Sub-total : 0</div>		1. Subcommittee (SC) on Subsidiary Legislation to Implement the Obligations under the United Nations Convention Against Corruption (<i>Subject to positive vetting procedure</i>) 2. SC on Rail Merger Ordinance (Commencement) Notice (<i>28 November 2007 or 19 December 2007 if extended by resolution</i>) 3. SC on Unsolicited Electronic Messages Regulation (Commencement) Notice (<i>28 November 2007 or 19 December 2007 if extended by resolution</i>) 4. Subcommittee on Securities and Futures (Contracts Limits and Reportable Positions) (Amendment) (No.2) Rules 2007 (<i>28 November 2007 or 19 December 2007 if extended by resolution</i>)	1. Proposed amendments to the Merchant Shipping (Prevention and Control of Pollution)(Fees) Regulation <i>[The Panel on Economic Services (now renamed as Panel on Economic Development) was briefed on 27 February 2006.]</i> 2. Two Orders to be made under the Fugitive Offenders Ordinance to implement the extradition requirements under the United Nations Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts Against the Safety of Maritime Navigation and the Protocol for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts Against the Safety of Fixed Platforms Located on the Continental Shelf <i>[The Panel on Security was briefed on 4 July 2006.]</i> 3. Orders to be made under the Fugitive Offenders Ordinance and the Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters Ordinance to implement the extradition and mutual legal assistance requirements under the United Nations Convention Against Transnational Organized Crime <i>[The Panel on Security was briefed on 5 December 2006.]</i>	<div style="background-color: #e0e0e0; padding: 2px;">(a) Under House Committee</div> 1. Subcommittee (SC) to Examine the Implementation in Hong Kong of Resolutions of the United Nations Security Council in relation to Sanctions 2. SC to Study the Subject of Combating Poverty 3. SC to Study Issues Relating to the Provision of Boarding Places, Senior Secondary Education and Employment Opportunities for Children with Special Educational Needs 4. SC on West Kowloon Cultural District Development 5. SC to Study the Transport Needs of and Provision of Concessionary Public Transport Fares for Persons with Disabilities <div style="text-align: right;">Sub-total : 5</div>	1. SC on Review of the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance Scheme (<i>To report to the Panel on Welfare Services by December 2007</i>) 2. SC to Follow Up the Outstanding Leisure and Cultural Services Projects of the Former Municipal Councils (<i>To report to the Panel on Home Affairs by December 2007</i>) 3. SC to Review the Planning for the Central Waterfront (including the Tamar Site) (<i>To report to the Panel on Development by December 2007</i>)	1. SC on Elderly Services under the Panel on Welfare Services

(A) Bills Committees (Maximum number : 16)			(B) Subcommittees on subsidiary legislation (Notional maximum number : 2)		(C) Subcommittees on policy issues (Maximum number : 8)		
(i) Bills Committees in action	(ii) Bills Committees expected to be formed in the next three months	(iii) Existing Bills Committees expected to complete work	(i) Subcommittees in action (End of scrutiny period)	(ii) Subsidiary legislation expected to be gazetted in the next three months and on which subcommittees are expected to be formed	(i) Subcommittees in action	(ii) Existing subcommittees expected to complete work	(iii) Subcommittees on the waiting list
8. BC on Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes (Amendment) Bill 2007				4. Tsing Sha Control Area (Tolls, Fees and Charges) Regulation [The Panel on Transport was briefed on 9 July 2007.]	(b)Under Panels		
9. BC on Domestic Violence (Amendment) Bill 2007				5. Proposed amendments to the Preservative in Food Regulations [The Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene was briefed on 13 November 2007.]	1. SC on Matters Relating to Railways		
10. BC on Prevention of Bribery (Amendment) Bill 2007				6. Proposed amendments to the Import and Export (Registration) Regulations [The Administration will brief the Panel on Commerce and Industry on 20 November 2007.]	2. SC on Review of the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance Scheme		
11. BC on Independent Police Complaints Council Bill				7. Amendment Regulation to implement mandatory labelling scheme on nutrition information [The Administration will brief the Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene in December 2007.]	3. SC on Strategy and Measures to Tackle Family Violence		
					4. SC to Follow Up the Outstanding Leisure and Cultural Services Projects of the Former Municipal Councils		
					5. SC to Review the Planning for the Central Waterfront (including the Tamar Site)		
					6. SC on Human Rights Protection Mechanisms		
					7. SC on Heritage Conservation		
					Sub-total : 7		
(iv) Estimated number of Bills Committees within the next three months = (i)+(ii)-(iii) = (11+12-0), i.e. <u>23</u>			(iii) Estimated number of subcommittees on subsidiary legislation in action within the next three months = (i)+(ii) = (4+7), i.e. <u>11</u>		(iv) Estimated number of subcommittees on policy issues in action within the next three months = (i)-(ii) = (12-3), i.e. <u>9</u>		

List B : The Administration's Legislative Programme 2007-2008**(position as at 13 November 2007)**

Title	Remarks
1.* Statute Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill	The Panel on Administration of Justice and Legal Services will be briefed on 26 November 2007.
2.* Trade Descriptions (Amendment) Bill	The Panel on Economic Development was briefed on 22 October 2007.
3. Legislative Council (Amendment) Bill	The Panel on Constitutional Affairs will be briefed on 19 November 2007.
4.* Buildings (Amendment) Bill	The Panel on Planning, Lands and Works (now renamed as Panel on Development) was briefed on 27 March 2007.
5. Munsang College and Heep Yunn School (Change of Corporate Names and General Amendments) Bill	—
6.* Product Eco-responsibility Bill	The Panel on Environmental Affairs was briefed on the proposal on an environmental levy on plastic shopping bags on 16 July 2007.
7.* Air Pollution Control (Amendment) Bill	The Panel on Environmental Affairs was briefed on the Emissions Trading Pilot Scheme for Thermal Power Plants in the Pearl River Delta Region on 26 February and 28 March 2007.
8.* Nuclear Material (Liability for Carriage) (Amendment) Bill	—
9.* Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes (Amendment) Bill	The Panel on Financial Affairs was briefed on 8 November 2007.
10.* Quarantine and Prevention of Disease (Amendment) Bill	The Panel on Health Services was briefed on 12 February 2007.
11.* Public Health and Municipal Services (Amendment) Bill	The Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene was briefed on 13 November 2007.

Title	Remarks
12.*Fixed Penalty (Smoking Offences) Bill	The Panel on Health Services was briefed on 1 June 2007.
13.*Establishment of the West Kowloon Cultural District Authority	Relevant issues are being monitored by the Subcommittee on West Kowloon Cultural District Development.
14. Pneumoconiosis (Compensation) (Amendment) Bill	The Panel on Manpower will be briefed on 15 November 2007.
15.*Road Traffic Legislation (Amendment) Bill	The Panel on Transport will be briefed on 18 December 2007.

Remark: The Administration has indicated its target to introduce the above bills as early as practicable, hopefully before the end of February 2008.

* A Bills Committee is expected to be formed in the next three months.