

Panel on Health Services

List of follow-up actions

(Position as at 9 December 2011)

Subject	Date of meeting	Follow-up action required	Administration's response
1. Regulation and control of pharmaceutical products in Hong Kong	31 March 2009	The Administration was requested to provide the revised checklist used by the inspectors of the Department of Health ("DH") when conducting inspections on pharmaceutical manufacturers once they were finalised.	The Review Committee on Regulation of Pharmaceutical Products in Hong Kong recommended DH to upgrade Hong Kong's current Good Manufacturing Practices licensing standards by a phased approach to the international standards promulgated by the World Health Organization and Pharmaceutical Inspection Co-operation Scheme ("PIC/S"). DH is in the process of procuring a consultancy service for advice and the inspection checklist would be revised in accordance with the advice of the consultant and submit to the Panel once available.
2. Pilot project on outreach primary dental care services for elderly in residential care homes and day care centres	10 January 2011	The Administration was requested to provide after the launch of the pilot project in April 2011 information on - (a) the list of non-governmental organizations providing services under the pilot project; and	The Administration will provide a written response in due course.

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		(b) a breakdown by districts of the number of residential care homes and Day Care Centres for the Elderly receiving the services.	
3. Creation of new directorate posts in DH	11 April 2011	The Administration was requested to report on a quarterly or bi-annual basis the progress in taking forward the recommendations of the Review Committee on the Regulation of Pharmaceutical Products in Hong Kong after the establishment of the Office on Drugs.	<p>Upon the creation of the Assistant Director (Drug) and one Chief Pharmacist posts on 1 and 14 September 2011 respectively, the Drug Office was formally set up on 1 September 2011 to take forward the recommendations of the Review Committee on the Regulation of Pharmaceutical Products in Hong Kong.</p> <p>The Administration will report the progress on the recommendations in due course.</p>
4. Improvement on joint replacement surgeries in the Hospital Authority	13 June 2011	<p>The Administration was requested to provide the following information -</p> <p>(a) manpower deployment of the two joint replacement centres in the Hong Kong Buddhist Hospital and the Yan Chai Hospital respectively;</p> <p>(b) the respective service demand and capacity of the Kowloon Central Cluster and the Kowloon East</p>	The Administration's response to (a) and (b) was issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(2)235/11-12(01) on 4 November 2011.

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		<p>Cluster for joint replacement surgeries; and</p> <p>(c) the utilization of the additional funding for the setting up of the two joint replacement centres in the Hong Kong Buddhist Hospital and the Yan Chai Hospital in terms of the various cost components such as manpower, equipment, services and facilities.</p>	
<p>5. Implementation of hospital accreditation in public hospitals</p>	<p>4 July 2011</p>	<p>The Hospital Authority ("HA") was requested to provide the following information -</p> <p>(a) the breakdown of the additional funding and manpower allocated for the implementation of hospital accreditation by the five public hospitals participated in the pilot scheme of hospital accreditation; and</p> <p>(b) information on whether issues relating to shortage of healthcare manpower were identified in the organization-wide accreditation survey of the Tuen Mun Hospital.</p>	<p>The Administration will provide a response in due course.</p>

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6. Healthcare manpower of HA	11 July 2011	<p>HA was requested to provide the following information -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) the healthcare staff establishment of HA, with a breakdown by wards and specialties of the manpower required to take care of a patient and their average work hours, as well as the formulas used by HA for making the healthcare manpower projections;(b) the turnover rate of nurses in HA for the period of April to July 2011;(c) the latest turnover rate of nurses in HA by October 2011; and(d) the passing rate of the Licensing Examination of the Medical Council of Hong Kong in the past few years.	The Administration will provide a response in due course.
7. Proposal for setting up a Health and Medical Research Fund	14 November 2011	The Administration was requested to provide the following information in its paper for the Finance Committee when seeking funding approval for the set up of the Health and Medical Research Fund ("HMRF") –	The Administration's response was issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(2)556/11-12 on 9 December 2011.

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		<p>(a) the present staff establishment of the Research Fund Secretariat and the projected increase in the staff establishment of the Secretariat after the set up of HMRF (including their respective ranks and duties); and</p> <p>(b) information on how the Administration could monitor the approved research projects conducted by successful applicants from the private healthcare sector to ensure that the outputs and outcomes of the projects would bring benefits to the society.</p>	
<p>8. Financial assistance to needy patients to meet expenses on privately purchased drugs</p>	<p>14 November 2011</p>	<p>HA was requested to provide information of the drug assistance schemes currently run by community pharmacies operated by non-governmental organizations or charitable funds in the community to provide financial assistance to needy patients to purchase self-financed drugs in HA's Drug Formulary.</p>	<p>The Administration will provide a response in due course.</p>