#### Panel on Education List of outstanding items for discussion

(Position as at 7 October 2013)

Proposed timing for discussion

#### (A) <u>Items proposed by members for discussion</u>

#### 1. Review on the policy of Direct Subsidy Scheme schools

At the Panel meeting held on 9 July 2013, some members suggested that the Panel should discuss the policy of Direct Subsidy Scheme ("DSS") schools and how to improve the regulation on DSS schools. Dr Hon Kenneth CHAN wrote to the Chairman on 24 July 2013 proposing that the Panel should discuss the policy of DSS schools. Dr CHAN also indicated in his letter that he intended to move a motion urging the Administration to carry out an immediate review on the policy on DSS.

To be confirmed

## 2. Progress of work of the Committee on Free Kindergarten Education

At the meeting on 9 July 2013, there was a suggestion that the Administration should report regularly to the Panel the progress of work of the Committee on Free Kindergarten Education.

To be confirmed

# 3. Review on the subvention arrangements for the English Schools Foundation ("ESF")

After the Administration had reported the progress of the review to the Panel on 9 July 2013, Dr Hon Kenneth CHAN wrote to the Chairman on 12 July 2013 proposing that the Panel should arrange a meeting to receive views from stakeholders.

To be confirmed

#### (B) <u>Items carried forward from the "List of outstanding</u> items for discussion" of the 2012-2013 session

# 4. Issues related to English proficiency of students and the policies on the teaching and learning of English

At the meeting on 16 October 2012, it was agreed that the Panel would discuss matters related to English proficiency of students and the policies on the teaching and learning of English.

To be confirmed

#### 5. Grievance procedures of the University Grants Committee ("UGC")-funded institutions

At the meeting on 12 July 2010, UGC briefed members on the guidelines of best practices in redress mechanisms developed by UGC having regard to the findings of the research on grievance procedures of 10 reputable overseas institutions and the responses of local institutions to these best practices. Members requested UGC to provide updated complaint/grievance handling flow charts of individual institutions and the institutions' responses to the UGC's recommendations for the Panel to follow up.

To be confirmed

The research report entitled "Complaint handling mechanism in higher education sector in selected places" prepared by the Research Division of the Legislative Council Secretariat was circulated to members on 13 October 2010 vide LC Paper No. CB(2)32/10-11.

UGC provided an update of the UGC-funded institutions' response to the UGC's recommendations on the grievance/complaint handling procedures and the updated grievances/complaint handling flow charts of individual institutions, which was circulated to members vide LC Paper No. CB(2)2407/10-11(01) on 18 July 2011.

#### 6. Moral and national education

At the meeting on 16 October 2012, members agreed that the Panel should discuss the matter notwithstanding the Administration's announcement of the change of policy in early October 2012.

To be confirmed

# (C) <u>Items that members may wish to re-visit if there are new developments</u>

# 7. Issues relating to the relocation of the centres of the Christian Zheng Sheng Association and development of rehabilitation centre-cum-schools

At the meeting on 14 February 2011, the Panel passed a motion requesting the Administration to solve in the near future the problem concerning the relocation of the drug treatment and rehabilitation centres of CZSA. written response to the motion which was circulated to members vide LC Paper No. CB(2)1413/10-11(01) on 31 March 2011, the Administration advised that the Security Bureau was taking the lead in coordinating matters relating to the relocation of the drug treatment and rehabilitation centers of CZSA. The Administration also provided in its response a brief update on the Christian Zheng Sheng College's application for operating New Senior Secondary courses at its existing school premises in In late April 2011, the Administration provided further information on the latest development of the matter (LC Paper Nos. CB(2)1636/10-11(01) and (02)).

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