

Social Welfare Department's Reply
to Hon Fernando Cheung on
Enquiries relating to Integrated Home Care Services

- Frail elderly persons who are assessed to be eligible under the Standardised Care Need Assessment Mechanism for Elderly Services may wait for Integrated Home Care Services (IHCS) (Frail Cases) and/or Enhanced Home and Community Care Services (EHCCS). The number of applicants waiting for and the average waiting time for IHCS (Frail Cases) and/or EHCCS from 2004-05 to 2012-13 were as follows -

As at end of March of the year	No. of applicants	Average waiting time (in months)
2004-2005	273 ^(Note 1)	1
2005-2006	327 ^(Note 1)	1
2006-2007	376 ^(Note 1)	1
2007-2008	624 ^(Note 1)	2
2008-2009	663 ^(Note 1)	3
2009-2010	417	3
2010-2011	1 029	5
2011-2012	333	2
2012-2013	759	3

[Note 1]: The number includes cases being processed after offer of placement, suspended due to special circumstances, etc.

- The Central Waiting List for allocation of subsidised long-term care services does not capture the number of applicants waiting for non-frailty tested IHCS (Ordinary Cases) or its waiting time. The Social Welfare Department also does not keep statistics on the breakdown of waiting time by district for the above services.
- The number of elderly persons and persons with disability receiving IHCS (Frail Cases) and the number of elderly persons, persons with disability, and individuals and families in need receiving IHCS (Ordinary Cases) from 2008-09 to 2012-13 were as follows -

As at end of March of the year	Number of IHCS (Frail Cases)		Number of IHCS (Ordinary Cases)			Total number of cases
	Elderly persons	Persons with	Elderly Persons	Persons with	Individuals or families in	

		disability		disability	need	
2008-2009	1 016	97	17 608	1 840	316	20 877
2009-2010	1 003	105	17 844	1 819	305	21 076
2010-2011	941	115	18 301	1 759	315	21 431
2011-2012	928	127	17 524	1 622	316	20 517
2012-2013	942	125	17 158	1 543	289	20 057