

Panel on Welfare Services**List of follow-up actions**
(position as at 4 December 2013)

Subject	Date of meeting	Follow-up action required	Administration's response
1. Assistance to elderly not receiving Comprehensive Social Security Assistance ("CSSA")	8 June 2006	<p>The Administration was requested to –</p> <p>(a) provide a paper setting out the relevant figures to substantiate its saying that a pay-as-you-go retirement protection scheme was not feasible; and</p> <p>(b) consult employees in Hong Kong on whether they were willing to allocate part of their Mandatory Provident Fund contributions, say 50%, to a pool for distribution to the current cohort of elders, on the understanding that they too would receive a monthly sum of some \$2,500 in their old age.</p>	<p>The Administration has launched a new Old Age Living Allowance of \$2,200 per month in April 2013 as an additional form of financial assistance for Hong Kong elderly persons aged 65 or above who have insufficient means for a living and are in need of support.</p> <p>The Administration is conducting a study on retirement protection in Hong Kong.</p>
2. Briefings by the Secretary for Labour and Welfare and the Secretary for Home Affairs on the Chief Executive's 2013 Policy Address	21 January 2013	<p>The Administration was requested to provide information on, among others, –</p> <p>(a) the supply and demand for residential care services and community care services including day care services and home-based care services in the next five years;</p>	<p>The Administration will provide the required information in due course.</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (b) steps to be taken by the Administration to address the problem of inter-generational poverty; (c) a list of social welfare problems existed in the community in the absence of social welfare planning since mid-1990s; (d) in respect of releasing the labour force of women who could not go to work because they had to take care of their families – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) whether the Administration would consider extending the service hour of after-school learning support to 7 pm or 8 pm; and (ii) how the core values promulgated by the Family Council would help in this regard and the details on these values; and (e) the outcome of the Administration's discussion with the welfare sector on measures to meet the sector's demand for front-line care staff. 	
<p>3. Updates on Child Development Fund ("CDF")</p>	<p>16 April 2013</p>	<p>The Administration was requested to provide information on how it would transform the favourable conditions which CDF had helped create for participating children to overcome inter-generational poverty into policies with a view to solving the problem of inter-generational poverty.</p>	<p>The Administration will provide the required information in due course.</p>

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4. Planning and inadequate provision of rehabilitation services for pre-school children	10 June 2013	The Administration was requested to provide information on the number of staff required for working and staff shortfall in each category of the rehabilitation sector as well as the lead time for training the relevant staff.	The Administration will provide the required information in due course.
5. Medium and long-term social welfare planning	8 July 2013	The Administration was requested to provide information on the needs for the elderly and rehabilitation services in the next five years.	The Administration will provide the required information in due course.
6. Ways to improve situation of refugees, torture claimants and asylum seekers in Hong Kong	22 July 2013	<p>The Administration was requested to provide information on –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the number of minor claimants who had been denied access to schooling during their stay in Hong Kong; (b) the average processing time for determination of a claim lodged by a protection claimant and whether it could be shortened; and (c) a detailed breakdown of the expenditure, including the administration fee, for provision of humanitarian assistance to protection claimants through ISS-HK, which amounted to \$203 million in 2012-2013. 	The Administration will provide the required information in due course.

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<p>7. Annual adjustment of the standard payment rates under the Social Security Allowance and the CSSA Schemes and issues relating to rent allowance under the CSSA Scheme</p>	<p>11 November 2013</p>	<p>The Administration was requested to provide the following information in its relevant funding proposal put forward to the Finance Committee –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the number of CSSA households (breakdown by the number of eligible members in a household) living in private housing who could not fully cover their actual rent by the rent allowance under the CSSA Scheme; (b) the number of CSSA households (breakdown by the number of eligible members in a household) living in private housing who could not fully cover their actual rent by the rent allowance adjusted in February 2014 and the subsidy provided by the Community Care Fund ("CCF"); (c) the differences (in terms of both percentage and amount) between the actual rent paid by and the rent allowance as well as the CCF subsidy payable to the aforesaid households before and after the rent allowance adjustment in February 2014 and the provision of the CCF subsidy; and (d) the projected expenditure incurred in CSSA payments if all those living below the poverty line, (except those whose assets had exceeded the prescribed limits) were provided with CSSA payments to lift up to the poverty line. 	<p>The Administration will provide the required information in due course.</p>

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