

Panel on Health Services

List of follow-up actions

(Position as at 10 February 2015)

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| 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 finalized. | The Review Committee on Regulation of Pharmaceutical Products in Hong Kong recommended DH in January 2010 to upgrade Hong Kong's current Good Manufacturing Practices ("GMP") licensing standards by a phased approach to the international standards promulgated by the World Health Organization and Pharmaceutical Inspection Co-operation Scheme ("PIC/S"). On DH's invitation, PIC/S conducted a gap assessment between the standards of GMP and PIC/S in end-2010. DH procured a consultancy service in July 2012 for advice on upgrading the current GMP licensing standards to PIC/S standards. The consultancy was completed in late 2014 and the inspection checklist has been revised in accordance with the advice of the consultant. The revised inspection checklist was issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(2)761/14-15(01) on 30 January 2015. |

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| <p>2. Creation of new directorate posts in DH</p> | <p>11 April 2011</p> | <p>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> | <p>The Assistant Director (Drug) and one Chief Pharmacist posts were created on 1 and 14 September 2011 respectively for the setting up of the Drug Office to take forward the recommendations of the Review Committee on the Regulation of Pharmaceutical Products in Hong Kong ("Review Committee").</p> <p>The Administration consulted the Panel on 18 November 2013 in relation to the legislative proposals to implement some of the Review Committee's recommendations, which sought to enhance the regulation of pharmaceutical products. The Administration also attended special meetings of the Panel respectively on 10 December 2013 and 10 February 2014 to exchange views with deputations and Members on the legislative proposals.</p> <p>The Administration introduced the legislative proposals, i.e. the Pharmacy and Poisons (Amendment) Bill 2014, into the Legislative Council on 26 March 2014. The Bills Committee formed to study the Bill has completed its work and the Bill was passed at the Council meeting of 21 January 2015. The Pharmacy and Poisons</p> |

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| | | | (Amendment) Ordinance 2015 has come into effect on 6 February 2015, except sections 21, 37 and 68. |
| 3. Pilot project on enhancing radiological investigation services through collaboration with the private sector | 12 December 2011 | The Administration was requested to provide data on the average waiting time of cancer patients for radiological investigation services before and six months after implementation of the pilot project. | The Administration will provide a response in due course. |
| 4. An overview of the re-development and expansion plans of public hospitals | 15 July 2013 | The Administration was requested to provide a breakdown of the catchment population, the number of beds per 1 000 population, the range of services (including those services that had yet been provided because of manpower constraint or other reasons, and the respective proportion of services provided to patients within and outside the catchment area of the hospital cluster concerned), the manpower shortfall of doctors and nurses, as well as the anticipated changes in the above areas for the next fifteen years (at five-year intervals), by hospital clusters. | The Administration will provide a response in due course. |

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| <p>5. Mechanism of the Hospital Authority to ensure safety in the use of medical equipment and products</p> | <p>20 October 2014</p> | <p>The Administration was requested to provide -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) detailed information to elaborate on the measures implemented by the Hospital Authority ("HA") at the corporate level to ensure safety in the use of medical equipment and products as set out in paragraph 5 of the Administration's paper (LC Paper No. CB(2)2059/13-14(01)), and the monitoring mechanism in place to ensure that the established guidelines were followed; and (b) a summary of the findings and recommendations of the Root Cause Analysis Panel on the incident concerning the use of expired surgical sutures at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital. | <p>The Administration will provide a response in due course.</p> |
| <p>6. Quality management of pathology reports in HA</p> | <p>17 November 2014</p> | <p>The Administration was requested to provide information on -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the number of disciplinary actions taken by HA against its doctors arising from sentinel events | <p>The Administration will provide a response in due course.</p> |

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| | | <p>reported to HA Head Office in the past five years, and among these doctors, the number of those who were referred to the Medical Council of Hong Kong for investigation as to whether or not a disciplinary inquiry should be conducted;</p> <p>(b) the establishment and the actual strength of pathologists of the pathology departments of the United Christian Hospital and other public hospitals; and</p> <p>(c) the percentage of audit check on pathology reports issued under the forensic pathology service of the Department of Health.</p> | |
| 7. Voluntary Health Insurance Scheme | 13 January 2015 | The Administration was requested to provide a comparison between the average cost of HA and the median cost of the private healthcare sector for conducting common operations or procedures, such as appendicectomy, laparoscopic cholecystectomy, endoscopy and colonoscopy procedures. | The Administration will provide a response in due course. |

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| 8. Expansion of Tuen Mun Hospital | 19 January 2015 | In the context of discussing the expansion of United Christian Hospital, the Administration was requested to provide information on the timetable for the expansion of Tuen Mun Hospital. | The Administration will provide a response in due course. |

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