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**Subcommittee on Rights of Ethnic Minorities**

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**The work of the Ethnic Minorities Steering Committee  
and support measures for ethnic minorities**

In the 2018-2019 Budget, the Financial Secretary announced that to enhance collaboration within the Government on support for ethnic minorities ("EMs"), the Chief Secretary for Administration would set up a steering committee to coordinate, review and monitor work in this area. The Government would also earmark \$500 million to strengthen support for EMs.

2. During the examination of the draft Estimates of Expenditure 2018-2019, the Administration advised that the above-mentioned steering committee would give due consideration to the specific usage and modus operandi of the earmarked sum of \$500 million, including exploring new model of support, as well as making the best use of community wisdom and network to strengthen support for EMs. The Administration would also listen to the views of different sectors and groups on the matter. At the Subcommittee meeting on 5 June 2018, the Administration informed members that to support the work of the steering committee, the Special Needs Group Task Force under the Commission on Poverty had arranged focus group meetings with EM representatives and service providers to gather views on the enhancement of services for EMs. The views gathered would be referred to the steering committee for consideration.

3. The Subcommittee will discuss the "Work of the EM Steering Committee and support measures for EMs" at the next meeting on 9 July 2018. The public is also invited to give views at the meeting.