

Panel on Health Services

List of follow-up actions

(Position as at 14 March 2017)

Subject	Date of meeting	Follow-up action required	Administration's response
1. Drug management of the Hospital Authority ("HA")	19 December 2016	<p>The Administration/HA was requested to provide information on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the progress of HA's liaison with the manufacturer on the arrangement to provide Eculizumab for patients with paroxysmal nocturnal haemoglobinuria; (b) the details on how individual public hospitals and clinics would formulate their local drug formularies according to the clinical needs of their patients; and (c) the differences in the local drug formularies of different public hospitals and clinics for treating patients with some common chronic diseases such as diabetes mellitus and hypertension. 	The Administration will provide a response in due course.
2. Proposal to amend the health warnings on packets and retail containers of tobacco products	19 December 2016	<p>The Administration was requested to provide information on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the smoking prevalence trend of the population age group of 15 to 30 over the last decade; and 	The Administration's response was issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(2)991/16-17(01) on 15 March 2017.

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		<p>(b) the number of summons or fixed penalty notices issued by the Tobacco Control Office for the offence of smoking in statutory indoor no smoking areas since the coming into effect of the amended Smoking (Public Health) Ordinance (Cap. 371) and the Fixed Penalty (Smoking Offences) (Cap. 600) on 1 January 2007 and 1 September 2009 respectively.</p>	
<p>3. Consultation Report on Voluntary Health Insurance Scheme ("VHIS")</p>	<p>16 January 2017</p>	<p>The Administration was requested to provide information on:</p> <p>(a) a breakdown of the use of the \$50 billion earmarked for healthcare reform. It was understood that \$10 billion of which has been used for setting up the Hospital Authority Public-Private Partnership Fund, and part of which might be used for injecting funds into the High Risk Pool if, after the re-examination of the relevant proposal, it would be established under VHIS in the future; and</p>	<p>The Administration will provide a response in due course.</p>

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		<p>(b) a breakdown of the expenditure involved on programmes aimed at helping to relieve the pressure on the public healthcare system, such as public-private partnership, and promotion of preventive care and primary care in order to reduce hospital admissions.</p>	
<p>4. Review of the fees and charges for public hospital services</p>	<p>16 January 2017</p>	<p>The Administration/HA was requested to provide information on:</p> <p>(a) the number of cases granted with medical fee waivers in the past three years, with a breakdown by whether or not the patients were recipients of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance and the hospital services they received;</p> <p>(b) the timetable for the provision of public general outpatient services in the evening and/or during public holidays in each hospital cluster; and</p> <p>(c) the effectiveness of the introduction of the new charge for the Accident and Emergency services of HA in 2002 in continuously reducing the number of</p>	<p>The Administration will provide a response in due course.</p>

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		attendances, in particular the number of semi-urgent and non-urgent cases.	
5. Proposed regulatory framework for medical devices	16 January 2017	The Administration was requested to explain, in the form of a consolidated table, the classification of general medical devices under the proposed regulatory framework according to the recommended classification scheme of the International Medical Device Regulators Forum, as well as the use control categories recommended by the consultant commissioned by the Government to study the control of use of selected medical devices for cosmetic purposes.	The Administration will provide a response in due course.
6. Briefing by the Secretary for Food and Health on the Chief Executive's 2017 Policy Address	26 January 2017	<p>The Administration was requested to provide information on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the increase in public health expenditure in the light of a growing number of elders aged 65 or above under an ageing population; and (b) programmes to promote preventive care for middle-aged adults in primary care setting and the expenditure involved. 	The Administration will provide a response in due course.

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7. Legislative proposal for conferring power on the Director of Health to issue recall order under the Chinese Medicine Ordinance (Cap. 549)	28 February 2017	The Administration was requested to provide information on the number of samples of Chinese herbal medicines drawn from the market for testing of pesticide residues (including organochlorine pesticide residues) and heavy metals contents; and the proportion of these numbers to the total number of Chinese herbal medicines sold in Hong Kong.	The Administration will provide a response in due course.
8. Legislative proposals for regulation of private healthcare facilities	28 February 2017	The Administration was requested to provide in the Legislative Council brief on the Private Healthcare Facilities Bill information on the respective numbers of day procedure centres performing the high-risk medical procedures set out in Annex A to LC Paper No. CB(2)845/16-17(01), and private clinics which involved only solo practice or operated by not more than three/four/five registered medical practitioners or registered dentists; and their respective percentages to all day procedure centres and private clinics in the territory.	The Administration will provide a response in due course.