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**Panel on Health Services**

**Subcommittee on Issues Relating to the Support for Cancer Patients**

**Minutes of the fourth meeting**  
**held on Tuesday, 25 June 2019, at 2:30 pm**  
**in Conference Room 3 of the Legislative Council Complex**

**Members present** : Dr Hon CHIANG Lai-wan, SBS, JP (Chairman)  
Dr Hon Elizabeth QUAT, BBS, JP (Deputy Chairman)  
Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan, GBS, JP  
Hon WONG Ting-kwong, GBS, JP  
Hon CHAN Kin-por, GBS, JP  
Hon Charles Peter MOK, JP  
Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki  
Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung  
Dr Hon Helena WONG Pik-wan  
Hon POON Siu-ping, BBS, MH  
Hon CHAN Hoi-yan

**Members absent** : Prof Hon Joseph LEE Kok-long, SBS, JP  
Hon YIU Si-wing, BBS  
Hon CHAN Han-pan, BBS, JP  
Dr Hon Pierre CHAN  
Hon KWONG Chun-yu

**Public Officers attending** : Dr CHUI Tak-yi, JP  
Under Secretary for Food and Health

Miss Linda LEUNG  
Principal Assistant Secretary for Food and Health (Health) 2  
Food and Health Bureau

Dr Tony KO  
Director (Cluster Services)  
Hospital Authority

Dr Frank CHAN  
Chief Manager (Integrated Care Programs)  
Hospital Authority

Dr WONG Kam-hung  
Director  
Hong Kong Cancer Registry

**Clerk in attendance** : Ms Maisie LAM  
Chief Council Secretary (2) 5

**Staff in attendance** : Item I  
  
Ms Ivy CHENG  
Senior Council Researcher 2

Items I to III

Ms Priscilla LAU  
Council Secretary (2) 5

Miss Maggie CHIU  
Legislative Assistant (2) 5

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**I. Matter arising from the meeting on 20 May 2019**  
[File Ref: FS07/18-19]

Proposal to undertake a duty visit to Taiwan

Members noted the fact sheet on cancer strategy in Taiwan prepared by the Research Office of the Information Services Division of the Legislative Council ("LegCo") Secretariat (FS07/18-19).

2. Members agreed that the Subcommittee would conduct a duty visit to Taiwan in late September or early October 2019 to obtain first-hand information on the cancer prevention and control experience in Taiwan. Members also agreed that the visit should be open for all LegCo Members for participation. Officials of the Food and Health Bureau would be invited

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to join the visit. Members noted that views of the Panel on Health Services on the proposed duty visit would be sought. Subject to the view of the Panel, the House Committee's permission for the Subcommittee to undertake the duty visit would be sought.

*(Post-meeting note: View of the Panel on conducting the proposed duty visit was sought vide LC Paper No. CB(2)1762/18-19 issued on 28 June 2019. Since the proposal did not have the agreement of a majority of the Panel members, members were advised on 18 July 2019 vide LC Paper No. CB(2)1815/18-19 that with the concurrence of the Chairmen of the Panel and the Subcommittee, the Subcommittee would not proceed to seek the House Committee's permission for it to undertake the proposed duty visit.)*

**II. Cancer surveillance system**

[LC Paper No. CB(2)1672/18-19(01)]

3. The Subcommittee deliberated (index of proceedings attached at **Annex**).

Follow-up action required of the Administration

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4. The Administration was requested to provide the Hong Kong Cancer Registry's latest full report on cancer statistics for members' reference.

**III. Any other business**

5. Members agreed that the next meeting of the Subcommittee would be held on 16 July 2019 from 2:45 pm to 4:30 pm to discuss diagnosis and treatment of cancer under the public healthcare system.

6. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 3:27 pm.

*(Post-meeting note: Members were informed vide LC Paper No. CB(2)1783/18-19 issued on 5 July 2019 that with the concurrence of the Chairman, the meeting originally scheduled for 16 July 2019 was cancelled due to safety and security reasons in the LegCo Complex.)*

**Proceedings of the fourth meeting of the  
Subcommittee on Issues Relating to the Support for Cancer Patients  
on Tuesday, 25 June 2019, at 2:30 pm  
in Conference Room 3 of the Legislative Council Complex**

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<i>Agenda item I: Matter arising from the meeting on 20 May 2019</i>			
000753 - 000805	Chairman	Opening remarks	
000806 - 001432	Chairman Dr Helena WONG Clerk	Members agreed that subject to the views of the Panel on Health Services and the House Committee, the Subcommittee would conduct a duty visit to Taiwan in late September or early October 2019.	
<i>Agenda item II: Cancer surveillance system</i>			
001433 - 001754	Chairman Admin	Briefing by the Administration (LC Paper No. CB(2)1672/18-19(01))	
001755 - 002730	Chairman Mr POON Siu-ping Admin	<p>Holding the view that cancer data was crucial to the monitoring of the burden of cancer in a population, Mr POON Siu-ping enquired about (a) the difficulty faced by the Hong Kong Cancer Registry ("the Cancer Registry") in providing stage-specific cancer survival rates for common cancers in Hong Kong; (b) coverage of cancer data managed by the Cancer Registry; and (c) whether private healthcare service providers would be required to provide cancer data on mandatory basis.</p> <p>The Administration advised that:</p> <p>(a) the Cancer Registry currently collated the survival rates for three types of cancers, namely colorectal, breast and cervical cancer. It aimed to expand its role to develop a local cancer surveillance system to report stage-specific cancer survival rates for common cancers in Hong Kong on a regular basis;</p> <p>(b) the Cancer Registry collected cancer data from both private and public hospitals in Hong Kong. Each year, the Cancer Registry would invite, in writing, private hospitals to provide it with pathology reports of cancer tissues on voluntary basis. So far, partnership had been built with 11 private hospitals, except Matilda International Hospital which did not have a pathology laboratory. Since the pathology services of Matilda International Hospital was supported by another private hospital, relevant data had been contributed to the Cancer Registry. It should be noted that the completeness of registration by the Cancer Registry was reckoned to be 97% or higher, which was at a high level according to the International Agency for Research on Cancer of the World Health Organization; and</p>	

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		(c) the Cancer Registry would endeavour to shorten the time required for collecting and publishing information.	
002731 - 002936	Chairman Admin	<p>The Chairman's enquiry about the role of the Cancer Registry in the provision of estimates of incidence of cancers of Hong Kong population.</p> <p>The Administration advised that the Cancer Registry was given mandate to collect basic demographic data, information on the topography and histology of all cancers diagnosed in Hong Kong. In recent years, collection of information on staging, initial treatment and survival data had commenced for specific cancers. Analyses of these information provided surveillance data on incidence, mortality, trends and projections of different cancers in Hong Kong.</p>	
002937 - 004247	Chairman Ms CHAN Hoi-yan Admin	<p>On Ms CHAN Hoi-yan's enquiry about the reasons for the current time lag in the reporting of annual cancer statistics by the Cancer Registry, the Administration advised that the Cancer Registry collated a vast amount of cancer-related data involving over 800 000 clinical and pathology reports every year. The raw data had to be validated by various crosschecking procedures and scrutinized by multiple quality control processes. The time lag of about 22 months in reporting the annual cancer statistics was about the same as that of other places such as New York.</p> <p>Ms CHAN Hoi-yan asked whether the development of breast cancer-specific registry by the Cancer Registry to collect and compile comprehensive clinical and outcome data on breast cancer would facilitate the introduction of population-based mammography screening programme for early detection and diagnosis of breast cancer. The Chairman remarked that among different types of cancers, breast cancer cases had seen the most rapid growth in the local population in the past decade.</p> <p>The Administration advised that it had commissioned the University of Hong Kong to conduct a study to develop a breast cancer risk prediction model for Hong Kong, identify risk factors among the local population through a case-control study, and build a comprehensive tissue bank and clinical database. The study team would translate predicted risk values into recommendations on whether women in Hong Kong should undergo regular breast cancer screening. If any tools were introduced in the future for the prevention of breast cancer, the data of breast cancer registry developed by the Cancer Registry could serve as the base for comparison.</p>	
004248 - 010030	Chairman Dr Helena WONG Admin	<p>While commending the work of the Cancer Registry, Dr Helena WONG considered that:</p> <p>(a) statistics relating to the treatment underwent by the cancer patients and their survival data should be</p>	

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		<p>provided in the Cancer Registry's website to serve as a reference for patients and their carers on treatment options for different types of cancers;</p> <p>(b) apart from providing cancer incidence statistics by genders, the Cancer Registry should study the risk factor(s) leading to higher incidence rate of a particular gender for certain types of cancers. For instance, lung and liver cancers had higher male to female ratio. Consideration should also be given to actively working with the Research Grants Council under the University Grants Committee to identify priority areas for gender and health study and inviting local universities to conduct the relevant studies; and</p> <p>(c) more resources, if required, should be allocated to the Cancer Registry to shorten the time lag in the reporting of annual cancer statistics. In addition, full version of the annual report submitted by the Cancer Registry to the Cancer Coordinating Committee should be uploaded onto the Cancer Registry's website for public information.</p> <p>The Administration advised that:</p> <p>(a) the latest summary report on the key cancer statistics for the year of 2016 had been uploaded on the Cancer Registry's website. Information on initial treatment and survival data for colorectal cancers and breast cancer was collected and analyzed in recent years. Publication of such analysis might be considered when more data became available and the design and content of the website were enhanced. The Cancer Coordinating Committee would look into the matter as and when appropriate;</p> <p>(b) the website of Cancer Registry currently served as an information platform to facilitate research on cancer. Over the past years, the Cancer Registry had also participated in a number of research studies with several articles published in the local and international peer-reviewed scientific journals; and</p> <p>(c) the Administration would promulgate a cancer strategy which would identify service gaps and set direction for possible stages through a patient's journey from prevention and screening, early detection and diagnosis, treatment, survivorship, to palliative care. The cancer information system of the Cancer Registry would transform data of different levels into valuable information for dissemination to policy makers, researchers and healthcare providers to support public health, healthcare planning and research.</p> <p>Dr Helena WONG urged the Cancer Registry to refine its website to provide greater and more interactive access to</p>	

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		the database for local cancer surveillance, and requested the Administration to provide after the meeting the Cancer Registry's latest full report on cancer statistics for members' reference.	<b>Admin</b>
<i>Agenda item III: Any other business</i>			
010031 - 010102	Chairman	Arrangement for the next meeting	

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