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**Panel on Welfare Services**

**Minutes of special meeting**  
**held on Friday, 22 February 2019, at 8:45 am**  
**in Conference Room 1 of the Legislative Council Complex**

- Members present** : Hon KWONG Chun-yu (Chairman)  
Hon SHIU Ka-chun (Deputy Chairman)  
Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung  
Hon Michael TIEN Puk-sun, BBS, JP  
Hon CHAN Chi-chuen  
Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki  
Hon KWOK Wai-keung, JP  
Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung  
Hon POON Siu-ping, BBS, MH  
Hon Alvin YEUNG  
Hon Andrew WAN Siu-kin  
Hon CHU Hoi-dick  
Hon Wilson OR Chong-shing, MH  
Dr Hon Pierre CHAN  
Hon LUK Chung-hung, JP  
Dr Hon CHENG Chung-tai
- Members absent** : Hon LEUNG Che-cheung, SBS, MH, JP  
Hon YUNG Hoi-yan
- Members attending** : Hon WU Chi-wai, MH  
Hon Martin LIAO Cheung-kong, SBS, JP  
Dr Hon CHIANG Lai-wan, SBS, JP

**Public Officers attending** : Mr Caspar TSUI, JP  
Under Secretary for Labour and Welfare  
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Mr Desmond WU  
Acting Principal Assistant Secretary for Labour and  
Welfare (Welfare) 3/Assistant Secretary for Labour  
and Welfare (Welfare) 3A  
Labour and Welfare Bureau

Mr TAN Tick-yee  
Assistant Director (Elderly)  
Social Welfare Department

Mr KOK Che-leung  
Assistant Director (Rehabilitation and Medical Social  
Services)  
Social Welfare Department

Ms Patricia WOO  
Chief Social Work Officer (Elderly)1  
Social Welfare Department

Miss CHAN Lai-chu  
Chief Social Work Officer (Rehabilitation and  
Medical Social Services)1  
Social Welfare Department

**Attendance by invitation** : Session One

Mr LEUNG Kwok-hung

The Hong Kong Council of Social Service

黃慧賢女士

ELCHK Shatin District Community Centre for the  
Golden-Aged

Ms KWOK Ka-yan  
Project Officer (Project Legacy - Support Service for  
Families with Grandparents as Parents)

City of Love

Ms HUI Mei-ha  
Chairman

家屬關注精神健康聯席

Miss LEE Po-chun  
Chairperson

Miss LEE Tsz-ying

The Civic Party

Miss Eunice CHAU Yuen-man  
District Developer

Mr Victor KWONG

Catholic Workers Centre-Kowloon

Mrs Sairah ABBAS  
Assistant Program Officer

Mr YEUNG Ka-keung

Miss WONG Tsz-yan

Mr LAI Wai-tong

Mr CHEUNG Pak-yuen

AIM Group

Mrs Indira MAGARNI  
Member

Mr HUI Wai-ming

自強協會

吳恩兒女士  
中心主任

李偉先生

New People's Party

Mr Joey LEE  
Representative

Ms LAM Sin-man

Hong Kong Christian Service On Wah Day Activity  
Centre

Mr LEE Kai-man  
Centre-in-charge

Mr WONG Wai-hung

Hong Kong Christian Service Bliss District Elderly  
Community Centre

Ms Bonnie CHEUNG Yin-lam  
Service Supervisor

四輪社區聯會

張嘉星先生  
成員

洪曉嵐女士

爭取資助院舍聯席

Ms Cindy Cat LEE Cheung-pui  
召集人

Community Rehabilitation Network Patients Mutual  
Support Centre

Mr CHAN Tsz-hei  
Social Worker

Session Two

輪友關注政策小組

馬汐曉小姐  
成員

Society for Community Organization

Mr NG Wai-tung  
Community Organizer

Elderly Rights League (H.K.)

Mr LEE Kwok-tin  
Member

Elderly Carers Group

Mr LEE Woon-hong  
Member

Elderly Carers Concern Group

Ms XU Taozhi  
Member

Elderly Community Care Group

Ms WONG To-kuen  
Member

Elderly Long Term Care Concern Group

Miss YUEN Shuk-yan  
Community Organizer

Ms CHEUNG Ling

Hong Kong Women Workers' Association

Miss Claudia AU  
Organizer

The Salvation Army Carer Association

Ms CHAN Yee-ching  
Chairperson

Community and Nursing Home Carer General Union

Mr CHENG Ching-fai  
Secretary

Miss LI Ying-yi

The Against Elderly Abuse of Hong Kong

Ms LI Shui-hung  
Member

朱慧芳小姐

Mrs Tina WONG

Care for Carers

鍾婉儀女士  
代表

Caritas Jockey Club Resource and Support Centre for  
Carers

梁贊權先生  
高級督導主任

Hong Kong Federation of Women's Centres

鍾世昌先生  
傳訊幹事

香港婦女中心協會賽馬會太和中心

黎容真女士  
教育幹事

香港婦女中心協會照顧者互助小組聯會

陳惠珍女士  
代表

殷嘉蔚小姐

袁慧妍小姐

基督教香港信義會葵涌地區支援中心

林珍女士  
代表

蔡劍華女士

關注家居照顧服務大聯盟

張美怡小姐  
組織幹事

李鳳琮女士

馮妙霞女士

Hong Kong Association for AD/HD

Ms Marcia NG Mun-chi  
Chairperson

The Association of Parents of The Severely Mentally Handicapped

Mr LEE Chi-yung  
Spokesperson

The HK Stroke Association

Miss CHIU Lai-ping  
Volunteer

Christian Family Service Centre

Miss WOO Hang-luen  
Social Worker

The Hong Kong Joint Council of Parents of the Mentally Handicapped

莫禮卿女士  
幹事(權益服務)

張佩蘭女士

Speaker A

**Clerk in attendance** : Ms Wendy JAN  
Chief Council Secretary (2) 4

**Staff in attendance** : Mr Roger CHUNG  
Council Secretary (2) 4

Miss Alison HUI  
Legislative Assistant (2) 4

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Action

**I. Support for carers of elderly persons and persons with disabilities**

[LC Paper Nos. CB(2)810/18-19(01) to (02) and CB(2)1792/17-18(01)]

At the invitation of the Chairman, Under Secretary for Labour and Welfare ("USLW") briefed members on various support services provided by the Administration for carers of elderly persons and of persons with disabilities.

2. The Chairman invited the deputations/individuals to present their views. A total of 60 deputations/individuals expressed their views, which were summarized in the **Appendix**.

The Administration's response to the views of deputations/individuals

3. Responding to the views expressed by the deputations/individuals, USLW made the following points:

- (a) the Administration recognized the contributions of carers and attached great importance to addressing their needs. Various types of support and care services were provided at the community level with a view to addressing the diversified needs of carers. The Administration had also encouraged employers to adopt family-friendly policies to facilitate employees to take care of their family members, if needed;
- (b) since the 2014-2015 financial year, the Administration had provided an additional annual recurrent allocation of about \$6.7 million to the 210 subvented elderly centres in the territory for hosting carer training activities. Emotional support services were also provided for carers;
- (c) the amount of allowance disburseable to each eligible carer under the new phase of the Pilot Scheme on Living Allowance for Carers of the Elderly Persons from Low Income Families ("the Pilot Scheme for Carers of Elderly Persons") and that of the Pilot Scheme on Living Allowance for the Low-income Carers of Persons with Disabilities ("the Pilot Scheme for Carers of Persons with Disabilities") ("hereunder referred to as "the two Pilot Schemes") had been increased from \$2,000 to \$2,400 per month. For carers who had to take care of more than one elderly person or person with disabilities at the same

time, the amount of allowance disburseable to them had been increased from \$4,000 to \$4,800 per month. The number of quotas for the new phases of the two Pilot Schemes had also been increased;

- (d) the Administration had commissioned the Sau Po Centre on Ageing of the University of Hong Kong to conduct an evaluation study on the two Pilot Schemes ("evaluation study"), with a view to helping the Administration consider the way forward for both schemes and come up with more concrete directions in 2020;
- (e) the Administration had adopted a multi-pronged approach to increase the supply of support and care services for elderly persons and persons with disabilities. As at December 2018, the Social Welfare Department ("SWD") was implementing 35 development projects for the provision of new contract residential care homes for the elderly ("RCHEs") and day care centres/units for the elderly. These projects would provide around 3 700 residential care places and 1 250 day care places for the elderly from the 2018-2019 financial year onwards;
- (f) in December 2018, the Government had reinstated the population-based planning ratios in the Hong Kong Planning Standards and Guidelines in respect of subsidized residential care services, community care services ("CCS"), district elderly community centres and neighbourhood elderly centres. This would facilitate early reservation of suitable sites for provision of elderly services and facilities by SWD. Additional places of elderly and rehabilitation services would also be provided under Phase Two of the Special Scheme on Privately Owned Sites for Welfare Uses;
- (g) SWD introduced a special measure from February to September 2018 to purchase about 250 additional places from private RCHEs participating in the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme to provide residential respite service for elderly persons. The measure had been extended to September 2019;
- (h) SWD was developing the residential respite service information system ("RRS Information System") with a view to enabling the public and the referring offices to check the availability of residential respite places for the elderly and for persons with disabilities via the web portal. The information

system was expected to commence operation in the fourth quarter of 2019;

- (i) there were currently around 2 400 day care service places and 4 100 home care service places under the Second Phase of the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly ("Pilot Scheme on CCS Voucher"). An addition of 1 000 vouchers would be provided under the Second Phase of the Pilot Scheme on CCS Voucher in the 2019-2020 financial year, bringing the total number of vouchers to 7 000;
- (j) the Administration had allocated additional resources to subvented elderly centres and home care services ("HCS") teams since October 2018 to enhance outreaching services for supporting needy carers living in the community;
- (k) an addition of 2 000 service quota would be provided under the Enhanced Home and Community Care Services ("EHCCS") in 2019, bringing the total number of service quota to more than 9 000. The Administration would also allocate new resources to provide HCS for persons with disabilities living in the community and enhance transport support for the users of the services;
- (l) five additional district support centres for persons with disabilities would be set up in the coming three years and the number of parents/relatives resource centres would be increased progressively from six to 19 starting from the first quarter of 2019. The number of support centres for persons with autism would also be increased from three to five and the manpower of these centres would be strengthened;
- (m) the estimated expenditure for the Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities ("the Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme") for the 2019-2020 financial year would be increased to about \$1.45 billion, which was about double the total expenditure incurred when the Scheme was first implemented in 2012. A consultancy study on the review of the Scheme was being conducted and the Administration would take into account the financial implication when considering the suggestion of providing transport subsidy for carers; and

- (n) as foreign domestic helpers ("FDHs") were playing a major role in caring for the elderly persons in many Hong Kong families, the Administration had launched the Pilot Scheme on Training for Foreign Domestic Helpers on Elderly Care to enhance the skills of FDHs in taking care of frail elderly persons.

## Discussion

### *Review of the two Pilot Schemes*

4. Dr Fernando CHEUNG pointed out that in order to be eligible to receive the carer allowances under the two Pilot Schemes, the elderly persons being taken care of must be on the Central Waiting List for subsidized long-term care services and the persons with disabilities being taken care of must be on the waiting lists for any specified rehabilitation services subsidized by SWD. Given that many elderly persons and persons with disabilities were reluctant to be admitted to residential care homes, he took the view that such requirements had rendered their carers not eligible to receive the allowance. The requirements also contradicted the Government's policy of encouraging elderly persons and persons with disabilities to continue to live in the community. He urged the Administration to remove the requirements from the two Pilot Schemes.

5. Mr LUK Chung-hung opined that the current income requirements of the two Pilot Schemes were too stringent and urged the Administration to remove such requirements. The Chairman called on the Administration to increase the amounts of allowances under the two Pilot Schemes before the completion of the evaluation study and formulate effective measures to support carers of elderly persons and of persons with disabilities.

6. Noting that the Hong Kong Council of Social Service ("HKCSS") had made some concrete recommendations on support for carers in its submission (LC Paper No. CB(2)863/18-19(01)), Mr POON Siu-ping asked whether the Administration would consider adopting HKCSS's recommendations. He also enquired about when the two Pilot Schemes would be regularized.

7. USLW responded that the evaluation study of the two Pilot Schemes was expected to be completed in 2019. The Administration would review the existing criteria, the levels of allowances and the way forward for the two Pilot Schemes in the light of the results of the evaluation study. Meanwhile, the Administration would continue to adopt a multi-pronged approach to strengthen and increase community care and support services

for elderly persons and persons with disabilities and their carers.

8. The Deputy Chairman and Dr Fernando CHEUNG enquired whether the Administration would conduct a public consultation exercise on the evaluation study of the two Pilot Schemes. USLW responded that the Administration had received public views on the two Pilot Schemes through various channels, including the public consultation sessions held by the Community Care Fund ("CCF") and meetings of the Panel. In response to the request of the Deputy Chairman and Dr CHEUNG for making the report of the evaluation study available to the public, USLW said that the Administration would refer the request to the CCF Task Force under the Commission on Poverty for its consideration.

9. In response to Dr CHENG Chung-tai's enquiry about the rationale for excluding carers who were recipients of Disability Allowance ("DA") from receiving carer allowance under the two Pilot Schemes, USLW advised that carers should have the capacity to provide care to the frail elderly persons.

10. In the light of the low participation rates of the two Pilot Schemes, Mr LUK Chung-hung took the view that the Administration should step up publicity on the two Pilot Schemes. The Chairman enquired about how "hidden" carers were informed of the two Pilot Schemes. USLW responded that the Administration had sent out more than 30 000 letters to eligible elderly persons with a view to inviting their carers to apply for the allowance under Phase III of the Pilot Scheme for Carers of Elderly Persons. As regards the Pilot Scheme for Carers of Persons with Disabilities, USLW said that more than 10 000 invitation letters had been sent to target beneficiaries. The Administration would strengthen publicity of the two Pilot Schemes.

#### *Provision of home care services*

11. In view of the long-term needs of elderly persons and persons with disabilities for various care and support services, Mr WU Chi-wai urged the Administration to change the mode of funding for such services from project basis to a long-term basis, so as to facilitate the formulation of better service provision plans by service providers. He also opined that instead of providing CCS vouchers for elderly person to receive community care services, it would be more practical to allocate more resources to enhance service capacity of HCS to meet the great demand of such service.

12. USLW responded that the Administration had allocated more than \$80 billion to provide various services and financial assistance for elderly

persons. The overall recurrent expenditure of rehabilitation services and support for persons with disabilities had increased from \$16.6 billion in the 2007-2008 financial year to \$34 billion in the 2018-2019 financial year.

13. USLW further said that the shortage of allied health professionals in the welfare sector was the major bottleneck in the increase in certain services for elderly persons and persons with disabilities. The Administration would formulate manpower and service provision plans, and provide training for social workers and allied health professionals with a view to meeting the manpower demand of the welfare sector.

#### *Support for carers*

14. The Deputy Chairman shared some deputations' views that the Administration had exploited carers' sense of responsibility for their family members and attempted to evade the provision of support for carers. He said that according to a book entitled "照顧無價——家庭照顧者口述故事" published by the Hong Kong Women's Coalition on Equal Opportunities, the monthly salary of a full-time carer was around \$30,000 if the carer was to be paid for his/her caregiving work. He called on the Administration to bear this in mind in evaluating carers' contributions.

15. USLW stressed that it had never been the Administration's intention to play down carers' needs for support. Recognizing the diversified needs of carers, the Administration had provided various support services for them to take care of elderly persons and persons with disabilities, such as the provision of additional vouchers for elderly persons under the Pilot Scheme on CCS Voucher, the special measure to provide residential respite service for elderly persons and the introduction of the RRS Information System.

16. Mr POON Siu-ping opined that specific measures should be implemented to facilitate carers to stay in the labour market. USLW responded that in addition to encouraging employers to adopt flexible work practices to support employees with carer responsibilities, the Administration would increase the provision of support and care services for elderly persons and persons with disabilities to facilitate carers to join the workforce.

#### *Provision of emergency and daytime respite service*

17. Dr Fernando CHEUNG said that some carers had reflected that they had to give up admission to hospital during late hours or were unable to attend to urgent personal matters due to a lack of emergency respite service

for elderly persons and persons with disabilities. Both Dr CHEUNG and the Deputy Chairman asked whether the Administration would provide emergency respite service for elderly persons and persons with disabilities. Expressing concern that some carers were unable to take a short break because they could not afford the fees of daytime respite service, Mr LUK Chung-hung called on the Administration to reduce the fees for such service.

18. Assistant Director (Elderly) ("AD(E)") responded that emergency residential care service for elderly persons was provided in some subvented RCHEs and nursing homes ("NHs") to cater for the situation under which carers of elderly persons encountered sudden incidents, such as admission to hospital. Subject to resources availability of the RCHEs or NHs concerned, emergency respite service during late hours might be arranged in the light of individual circumstances.

*Survey on carers*

19. Dr CHENG Chung-tai expressed strong dissatisfaction that the Administration had not conducted any survey on the demographic structure, caring situation and service needs of carers so as to provide carers with the necessary support. USLW responded that while the Administration had no plan to conduct a survey on carers at this stage, it had taken note of the demand for various types of services for the elderly and persons with disabilities and increased the supply of such services.

20. Dr Fernando CHEUNG said that many single elderly persons required the help of carers and many elderly persons were carers of their spouses. In this connection, he sought information on the numbers of singletons and doubleton elderly families. AD(E) responded that according to the Census and Statistics Department ("C&SD"), the numbers of singletons aged 60 or above and families of elderly doubleton with both members aged 60 or above were around 160 000 and 190 000 respectively. Dr CHEUNG further requested the Administration to provide the following information:

- (a) the numbers of frail singletons and doubleton elderly families;
- (b) the number of elderly persons aged above 60 who were taking care of persons with disabilities; and
- (c) the numbers of full-time carers of frail elderly persons and of persons with disabilities respectively, together with a

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breakdown of the numbers by the nature of relationship (e.g. spouses, sons/daughters and domestic helpers).

AD(E) undertook to check the availability of the information under request and revert as appropriate.

21. USLW supplemented that the Administration did not have information on elderly persons and their carers who had not used the services provided by the Administration. In order to identify and strengthen the support for "hidden" and vulnerable elderly persons and their carers in the community, the Administration had enhanced its outreaching services. In response to Dr Fernando CHEUNG's view that C&SD should conduct a thematic study on carers, USLW said that the Administration would explore how statistical information on carers could be better captured to facilitate the introduction of more comprehensive support for carers.

22. The Deputy Chairman moved the following motion:

"本事務委員會促請有關當局定期及恆常進行調查，了解照顧者的人口結構、照顧狀況及支援需要，並定期發布有關數字。"

(Translation)

"This Panel urges the relevant authorities to conduct regular and on-going surveys on the demographic structure and caring situation of carers and the support they need, and publish such figures on a regular basis."

23. The Chairman put the motion to vote. All members present voted for the motion. The Chairman declared that the motion was carried.

24. Dr Fernando CHEUNG and Dr KWOK Ka-ki moved the following motion:

"本事務委員會促請當局制訂以照顧者為本的政策，保障照顧者，包括進行照顧者人口調查、增加緊急支援服務、恆常化照顧者津貼等；政府應盡快與民間團體商討改善現行的照顧者津貼計劃，尤其是以下 4 項：

- (1) 將津貼與輪候服務的身份脫鉤，覆蓋更多類別有需要的照顧者；



- (2) 除檢討現金生活津貼水平外，加入津貼予照顧者使用"喘息"及其他服務；
- (3) 檢討照顧者津貼與其他社會保障制度的關係，包括取消傷殘津貼不能同時申領照顧者津貼的安排；及
- (4) 進行宣傳及公開申請，讓有需要的照顧者申領津貼及求助。"

(Translation)

"This Panel urges the authorities to formulate carer-oriented policies to protect carers, including conducting demographic surveys on carers, enhancing emergency support services, regularizing carer allowances etc.; the Government should expeditiously discuss with community groups to enhance the existing schemes on carer allowances, in particular on the following four aspects:

- (1) the arrangement that persons being taken care of must be on the waiting lists for subsidized long-term care services should be abolished. Carer allowances should be extended to cover more types of carers who are in need;
- (2) in addition to a review on the level of cash-based living allowances, an allowance for carers to use respite service and other services should be introduced;
- (3) the relationship between carer allowances and other social security systems should be reviewed, including abolishing the arrangement that carers who are recipients of Disability Allowance cannot at the same time receive the carer allowances; and
- (4) schemes on carer allowances should be publicized and open for application, so that carers in need can apply for such allowances and seek assistance."

25. The Chairman put the motion to vote. All members present voted for the motion. The Chairman declared that the motion was carried.

*(At 1:07 pm, the Chairman extended the meeting for 15 minutes beyond the appointed ending time to allow sufficient time for discussion.)*

*Subsidies for transport services and for procurement of technology products*

26. The Deputy Chairman took the view that the Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme should be extended to cover carers of elderly persons and of persons with disabilities. USLW responded that the Administration would consider the suggestion in the course of the review of the Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme.

27. Taking the view that the use of technology products could enhance the quality of care for elderly persons and persons with disabilities and at the same time alleviate the work burden on carers, Mr LUK Chung-hung considered that the Administration should provide subsidies for needy families to procure technology products which could ease their caregiving work.

28. USLW responded that the Administration acknowledged the merits of using technology products in elderly and rehabilitation care services, and had launched the Innovation and Technology Fund for Application in Elderly and Rehabilitation Care to subsidize eligible elderly and rehabilitation service units to try out, procure or rent technology products to improve the quality of life of service users.

**II. Any other business**

29. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 1:31 pm.

## Panel on Welfare Services

Special meeting on Friday, 22 February 2019, at 8:45 am

Support for carers of elderly persons and of persons with disabilities

Summary of views and concerns expressed by deputations/individuals

No.	Name of deputation / individual	Views
<b><u>Session One</u></b>		
1.	Mr LEUNG Kwok-hung	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More funding should be allocated to the provision of day care services for persons with disabilities and ex-mentally ill persons.</li> <li>• District support centres for persons with disabilities ("DSCs") and dental clinics for elderly persons should be provided in each district.</li> <li>• More support should be provided for carers of elderly persons, of persons with disabilities and of mentally ill persons.</li> </ul>
2.	The Hong Kong Council of Social Service	[LC Paper No. CB(2)863/18-19(01)]
3.	ELCHK Shatin District Community Centre for the Golden-Aged	[LC Paper No. CB(2)848/18-19(01)]
4.	City of Love	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Administration should strengthen the support for persons with autism so as to enhance their learning ability and ability to seek employment.</li> <li>• Services for persons with autism should be provided according to their individual needs.</li> </ul>
5.	家屬關注精神健康聯席	[LC Paper No. CB(2)810/18-19(05)]
6.	Miss LEE Tsz-ying	[LC Paper No. CB(2)810/18-19(05)]
7.	The Civic Party	[LC Paper No. CB(2)810/18-19(10)]

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8.	Mr Victor KWONG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The Administration should consider using part of the funds earmarked for purchasing places from private residential care homes for the elderly ("RCHEs") to subsidize the carers of elderly persons.</li> <li>● The amount of carer allowance under the Pilot Scheme on Living Allowance for Carers of Elderly Persons from Low Income Families ("the Pilot Scheme for Carers of Elderly Persons") should be increased.</li> </ul>
9.	Catholic Workers Centre-Kowloon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Ethnic minority ("EM") elderly persons and EM with disabilities should have equal access to the support services provided by the Administration.</li> <li>● Dedicated support service centres ("SSCs") for EMs should be set up and there should be EM staff in SSCs located in districts with more EM residents. Publicity of services for EMs should be enhanced.</li> <li>● The Administration should have a holistic plan for providing services for EM with disabilities. Language support service should be provided for EM with disabilities and their family members.</li> </ul>
10.	Mr YEUNG Ka-keung	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Transport subsidies should be provided for carers who were required to take care recipients out.</li> <li>● Training on skills to enhance carers' ability to protect themselves as well as the care recipients and services facilitating carers to relieve their stress should be provided. Information on the rights of carers and care recipients as well as support services for carers should be disseminated to carers.</li> <li>● The Administration should provide emergency services for care recipients when carers encountered sudden incidents.</li> </ul>
11.	Miss WONG Tsz-yan	[LC Paper Nos. CB(2)810/18-19(03) and (04)]
12.	Mr LAI Wai-tong	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The Administration should allocate more resources to daytime respite services for elderly persons so as to alleviate carers' stress.</li> <li>● Services aiming at helping carers manage stress and enabling carers to take a short break should be provided.</li> </ul>
13.	Mr CHEUNG Pak-yuen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The eligibility criteria for the Pilot Scheme for Carers of Elderly Persons were too stringent,</li> </ul>

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		<p>rendering many carers unable to benefit from the Scheme.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The number of daytime respite places for elderly persons should be increased as soon as possible and additional manpower should be provided for provision of elderly services.</li> <li>● The Administration should set up an "Ageing in Place Fund" to subsidize voluntary groups and social enterprises to provide home care services ("HCS") for elderly persons.</li> </ul>
14.	AIM Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Escort services for medical consultation should be provided for non-Chinese speaking elderly persons.</li> <li>● EM staff should be employed in SSCs located in districts with more EM residents.</li> <li>● The Administration should have a holistic plan for provision of services for EM elderly persons. Language support service for EM elderly persons and their family members should be provided. Promotion of services available for EM elderly persons should be enhanced.</li> </ul>
15.	Mr HUI Wai-ming	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Respite service places and residential care places for persons with disabilities should be increased in each district.</li> <li>● The Administration should reimburse carers, on an accountable basis, the expenses on hiring domestic helpers for taking care of their elderly family members or members with disabilities.</li> <li>● Transport subsidies should be provided for carers who accompanied care recipients to receive medical consultation.</li> </ul>
16.	自強協會	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The quotas of the Pilot Scheme for Carers of Elderly Persons and the Pilot Scheme on Living Allowance for Low-income Carers of Persons with Disabilities ("hereunder referred to as "the two Pilot Schemes") should be increased respectively.</li> <li>● The eligibility criteria for the two Pilot Schemes should be relaxed. The requirements that carers must not be recipients of Disability Allowance ("DA") and the elderly persons being taken care of must be on the Central Waiting List for subsidized long-term care services ("CWL") should be abolished.</li> </ul>

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17.	李偉先生	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The eligibility criteria for the two Pilot Schemes were too stringent and should be critically reviewed.</li> <li>● Carers who were recipients of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance ("CSSA") or Old Age Living Allowance ("OALA") should also be eligible to receive the carer allowances under the two Pilot Schemes.</li> </ul>
18.	New People's Party	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The eligibility criteria for the Pilot Scheme for Carers of Elderly Persons were too stringent and should be relaxed.</li> <li>● The number of daytime respite places for elderly persons should be increased as soon as possible.</li> <li>● The Administration should set up an "Ageing in Place Fund" to subsidize voluntary groups and social enterprises to provide HCS for elderly persons.</li> </ul>
19.	Ms LAM Sin-man	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Training on care skills for carers and services facilitating carers to relieve their stress should be provided.</li> <li>● Provision of respite services should be increased.</li> <li>● The eligibility criteria for the Pilot Scheme for Carers of Elderly Persons were too stringent and should be relaxed.</li> </ul>
20.	Hong Kong Christian Service On Wah Day Activity Centre	[LC Paper No. CB(2)863/18-19(05)]
21.	Mr WONG Wai-hung	[LC Paper No. CB(2)863/18-19(08)]
22.	Hong Kong Christian Service Bliss District Elderly Community Centre	[LC Paper No. CB(2)863/18-19(05)]
23.	四輪社區聯會	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● There should not be any restrictions on the use of HCS by persons with disabilities who were being taken care of by their family members.</li> <li>● The Administration should strengthen the support for carers and assist them in relieving pressure.</li> <li>● The efforts and contributions of carers should be recognized by society.</li> </ul>

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24.	洪曉嵐女士	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There should not be any restrictions on the use of HCS by persons with disabilities who were being taken care of by their family members.</li> <li>• HCS for persons with disabilities should be strengthened.</li> <li>• Support for carers was greatly inadequate and should be strengthened.</li> </ul>
25.	爭取資助院舍聯席	[LC Paper No. CB(2)848/18-19(02)]
26.	Community Rehabilitation Network Patients Mutual Support Centre	[LC Paper No. CB(2)863/18-19(06)]
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27.	輪友關注政策小組	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Emergency services and residential care places for persons with severe disabilities and persons with severe physical disabilities were inadequate.</li> <li>• Some persons with severe physical disabilities were unable to use the respite services provided by DSCs because the latter lacked special equipment.</li> </ul>
28.	Society for Community Organization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The eligibility criterion for the Pilot Scheme for Carers of Elderly Persons that the elderly persons being taken care of must be on CWL contradicted to the Government's elderly policy of "ageing in place as the core, institutional care as back-up".</li> <li>• Emergency respite services should be provided for urgent cases and outside service hours of Day Care Centres/Units for the Elderly ("DEs/DCUs").</li> <li>• The Administration should explore the introduction of community carer programmes with a view to providing round-the clock respite services.</li> </ul>
29.	Elderly Rights League (H.K.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Administration should allocate more funding to help the needy.</li> </ul>
30.	Elderly Carers Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Administration should provide emergency services or community carers for elderly persons.</li> <li>• The eligibility criteria for the Pilot Scheme for Carers of Elderly Persons were too stringent and should be relaxed.</li> <li>• The Administration should provide more support for carers and the grass-roots.</li> </ul>

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31.	Elderly Carers Concern Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Emergency services should be provided for urgent cases and outside service hours of DEs/DCUs.</li> </ul>
32.	Elderly Community Care Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The Administration should relax the eligibility criteria for the Pilot Scheme for Carers of Elderly Persons.</li> </ul>
33.	Elderly Long Term Care Concern Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● As many aged carers who were receiving CSSA, OALA or DA were in financial hardship, they should also be eligible to receive the carer allowances under the two Pilot Schemes.</li> <li>● Emergency services should be provided for care recipients when carers encountered sudden incidents.</li> <li>● The Administration should establish a comprehensive system for identifying and assisting high-risk carers in a proactive manner.</li> </ul>
34.	Ms CHEUNG Ling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The Administration should provide training for parents of persons with attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder ("ADHD"), social workers and teachers to enhance their knowledge of ADHD and their ability to take care of persons with ADHD.</li> <li>● The number of training programmes for children with ADHD provided by the Hospital Authority should be increased and such programmes should be held after school hours.</li> </ul>
35.	Hong Kong Women Workers' Association	[LC Paper No. CB(2)863/18-19(03)]
36.	The Salvation Army Carer Association	[LC Paper No. CB(2)810/18-19(06)]
37.	Community and Nursing Home Carer General Union	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The acute shortage of subsidized residential care services for elderly persons and rehabilitation services had imposed heavy burden on carers.</li> <li>● The Administration should draw up a comprehensive plan for provision of community care services ("CCS") and rehabilitation services.</li> <li>● Additional resources should be provided to address the needs of users of CCS and rehabilitation services.</li> </ul>
38.	Miss LI Ying-yi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The amounts of carer allowances under the two Pilot Schemes should be increased.</li> </ul>



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Administration should not neglect the voluntary work of carers from self-help groups and should provide them with adequate support.</li> </ul>
39.	The Against Elderly Abuse of Hong Kong	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Administration should make special arrangements for elderly persons on CWL whose service needs could not be met by daytime respite services.</li> </ul>
40.	朱慧芳小姐	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Administration was disrespectful to carers by excluding those who were on CSSA or OALA from the two Pilot Schemes.</li> <li>Mental wellness support should be provided for carers.</li> <li>Free care services should be provided at least twice a week for elderly persons requiring care so that carers could take a break.</li> </ul>
41.	Ms Tina WONG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support for elderly persons was grossly inadequate and more RCHEs should be constructed.</li> <li>Diversified services should be provided in community centres for carers to alleviate their pressure.</li> <li>Staff of DEs/DCUs should proactively approach elderly persons who were in need of help.</li> </ul>
42.	Care for Carers	[LC Paper No. CB(2)863/18-19(04)]
43.	Caritas Jockey Club Resource and Support Centre for Carers	[LC Paper No. CB(2)810/18-19(07)]
44.	Hong Kong Federation of Women's Centres	[LC Paper No. CB(2)1030/18-19(01)]
45.	香港婦女中心協會賽馬會太和中心	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Administration should step up publicity on the support services available for carers.</li> <li>Dedicated services should be provided for carers.</li> <li>As some elderly persons did not prefer to use residential care services, carers of elderly persons who were not on CWL should also be eligible to receive the carer allowance under the Pilot Scheme for Carers of Elderly Persons.</li> </ul>

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46.	香港婦女中心協會照顧者互助小組聯會	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The Administration should increase the support for carers.</li> </ul>
47.	殷嘉蔚小姐	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Carer allowance should be provided for housewives who were required to take care of small children.</li> </ul>
48.	袁慧妍小姐	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The Administration should enhance the publicity of the two Pilot Schemes.</li> <li>● The eligibility criteria for the two Pilot Schemes were too stringent and the amounts of allowances under the two Pilot Schemes were too low.</li> <li>● The Administration should provide subsidies for recipients of higher DA or persons requiring high level of care to hire their relatives or neighbours as their part-time carers so that their family carers could take a short break.</li> </ul>
49.	基督教香港信義會葵涌地區支援中心	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The Administration should increase the provision of respite service places to meet the great demand.</li> <li>● Subsidies for medical treatment should be provided for carers who suffered from strain injuries.</li> <li>● Transport subsidies should be provided for carers who accompanied care recipients to receive medical consultation or go to schools.</li> </ul>
50.	蔡劍華女士	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The amounts of carer allowances under the two Pilot Schemes should be increased.</li> <li>● CSSA recipients should also be covered by the two Pilot Schemes.</li> </ul>
51.	關注家居照顧服務大聯盟	[LC Paper No. CB(2)810/18-19(09)]
52.	李鳳琮女士	[LC Paper No. CB(2)810/18-19(09)]
53.	馮妙霞女士	[LC Paper No. CB(2)810/18-19(09)]
54.	Hong Kong Association for AD/HD	[LC Paper No. CB(2)863/18-19(02)]
55.	The Association of Parents of The	[LC Paper No. CB(2)863/18-19(07)]

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	Severely Mentally Handicapped	
56.	The HK Stroke Association	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● As the value of the voucher provided under the Pilot Scheme on CCS Voucher for the Elderly ("Pilot Scheme on CCS Voucher") could not cover the high fees charged by service providers and the services under the Scheme were not flexible enough to meet the needs of elderly persons, the Scheme was of little help in relieving the burden of carers.</li> <li>● The Administration should discuss with service providers the scope and arrangements of the services under the Pilot Scheme on CCS Voucher on a regular basis and adjust the services to suit the needs of elderly persons.</li> </ul>
57.	Christian Family Service Centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The Administration should consider providing subsidies for carers of elderly persons to hire care workers to stand in for them once a week or allowing elderly persons to use CCS voucher to hire carers occasionally.</li> <li>● The requirement that carers who were recipients of CSSA or OALA must not at the same time receive carer allowance should be abolished.</li> </ul>
58.	The Hong Kong Joint Council of Parents of the Mentally Handicapped	[LC Paper No. CB(2)810/18-19(08)]
59.	張佩蘭女士	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The Administration should formulate policies on carers and make law to safeguard the rights of carers. Training and professional advice on stress relief should be provided for carers.</li> <li>● The two Pilot Schemes should not be means-tested and there should be two tiers of carer allowance, i.e. normal carer allowance and higher carer allowance. The Administration should provide subsidies for escort services for medical consultation.</li> <li>● The numbers of daytime respite places and residential care places for persons with disabilities should be increased.</li> </ul>
60.	Speaker A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The amount of CSSA payment and that of DA was insufficient to cover basic living expenses.</li> </ul>

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