

**Panel on Welfare Services**

**List of outstanding items for discussion**

(position as at 4 February 2019)

**Proposed timing  
for discussion**

**1. Policies on preventing abuse of elderly persons and of persons with intellectual disability**

The Panel of the Fifth Legislative Council ("the former Panel") suggested that the Panel should discuss policies on preventing abuse of elderly persons in residential care homes ("RCHs") and of persons with intellectual disability in schools/hostels for persons with intellectual disability.

11 February 2019

**2. Review of supplements and special grants under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance Scheme**

Item proposed by Hon KWONG Chun-yu and Hon SHIU Ka-chun. Specifically, these members would like to discuss the provision of special grants for purchase of spectacles.

11 February 2019

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

Hon KWONG Chun-yu and Hon Andrew WAN Siu-kin have jointly requested the Panel to meet with deputations and the Administration on policies in relation to carers (LC Paper No. CB(2)1792/17-18(01)). Specifically, these members would like to discuss, inter alia, how the Administration could assist and support carers.

22 February 2019

Hon KWONG Chun-yu and Hon SHIU Ka-chun also proposed to discuss provision of carer allowance to support carers of elderly persons and of persons with disabilities.

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for discussion**

A special meeting will be held to discuss and receive public views on the subject matter.

**4. Provision of relocation allowance for poor households**

Item proposed by Hon KWONG Chun-yu and Hon SHIU Ka-chun. 11 March 2019

**5. Community Investment and Inclusion Fund**

Item proposed by Hon KWONG Chun-yu and Hon SHIU Ka-chun. 11 March 2019

**6. Special Needs Trust**

Item proposed by Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (LC Paper No. CB(2)491/18-19(01)). 11 March 2019

The Social Welfare Department ("SWD") established a Special Needs Trust Office in December 2018 to provide self-financing trust service for those parents who have a family member with special needs and wish to entrust the Director of Social Welfare Incorporated as the Trustee. The Administration will brief members on the service parameters and implementation arrangements of the new Special Needs Trust.

**7. Review of Hong Kong's poverty situation and setting of target for poverty elimination**

Item proposed by Hon KWONG Chun-yu and Hon SHIU Ka-chun. March/ April 2019

Hon KWONG Chun-yu has suggested that the Panel should discuss and receive public views on the subject matter.

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for discussion**

8. **Progress of the implementation of the Best Practice Manual among non-governmental organizations receiving Lump Sum Grant Subvention**
- Item proposed by the Administration.
- First quarter/  
second quarter of  
2019
9. **Annual briefing on welfare facility projects funded by Lotteries Fund**
- Item proposed by the Administration.
- 15 April 2019
10. **Strengthening the monitoring of residential care homes for the elderly and residential care homes for persons with disabilities and enhancing their service quality**
- Item proposed by the Administration.
- 15 April 2019
- Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung has requested the Panel to discuss the report of SWD's Working Group on the Review of Ordinances and Codes of Practice for Residential Care Homes to review the Residential Care Homes (Elderly Persons) Ordinance (Cap. 459), Residential Care Homes (Persons with Disabilities) Ordinance (Cap. 613) and the related codes of practice.
- Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung would also like to discuss improving the quality of manpower of RCHs.
11. **Special Scheme on Privately Owned Sites for Welfare Uses**
- Item proposed by the Administration.
- April/ May 2019
12. **Planning for the provision of welfare facilities in new development areas**
- The former Panel suggested that the Panel
- 20 May 2019

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for discussion**

should consider discussing the subjects of setting targets for the provision of hostels for mentally handicapped persons (e.g. setting a target waiting time and a specific percentage of the total area of a new public housing project for such provision) and the provision of child care places and residential care places for elderly persons and persons with disabilities.

Hon KWONG Chun-yu and Hon SHIU Ka-chun suggested that the Panel should discuss the captioned subject matter.

**13. Review of effectiveness of the Working Family Allowance Scheme**

Item proposed by Hon KWONG Chun-yu and Hon SHIU Ka-chun. 10 June 2019

**14. Emergency welfare measures and community services for handling typhoons**

Item proposed by Hon KWONG Chun-yu and Hon SHIU Ka-chun. 10 June 2019

Hon KWONG Chun-yu has suggested that the item should be discussed at a joint meeting with the Panel on Home Affairs ("HA Panel").

"Review of the Administration's response to typhoons" is on the list of outstanding items for discussion by the Panel on Security.

**15. Review of effectiveness of social services provided for ethnic minorities**

Item proposed by Hon KWONG Chun-yu and Hon SHIU Ka-chun. 10 June 2019

Hon SHIU Ka-chun has suggested that mainstreaming of social services for ethnic minorities should also be discussed and representatives of Home Affairs Bureau ("HAB") should also attend the relevant meeting

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for discussion of this item.

The Administration established the Steering Committee on Ethnic Minorities Affairs, under the chairmanship of the Chief Secretary for Administration, in July 2018 to enhance internal collaboration among government bureaux/departments on support for ethnic minorities.

**16. Support for divorced families and recovery of maintenance payments**

Item proposed by Hon KWONG Chun-yu and Hon SHIU Ka-chun. 10 June 2019

Hon KWONG Chun-yu has suggested that a joint meeting with the HA Panel should be held to discuss this item.

**17. Progress of the review on enhancement of the Lump Sum Grant Subvention System**

Item proposed by the Administration. 8 July 2019

"Review of effectiveness of Social Welfare Development Fund", which is proposed by Hon SHIU Ka-chun, will be covered under this item.

**18. Pilot Scheme on Social Work Service for Pre-primary Institutions**

Item proposed by Hon KWONG Chun-yu and Hon SHIU Ka-chun. 8 July 2019

The Panel has discussed and received public views on the subject matter at its special meeting on 22 June 2018.

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**Services for elderly**

**19. Care services for elderly persons with special needs**

The Subcommittee on Issues Relating to the Future Development of Elderly Services Schemes formed under the former Panel had studied, inter alia, care services for elderly persons with special needs. In its report (LC Paper No. CB(2)1902/15-16) the Subcommittee suggested that the Panel should follow up the provision of services by the Administration for elderly persons with chronic diseases, dementia or disabilities as well as elderly persons from ethnic minorities and from sexual minorities.

To be decided

**20. Infirmiry care in non-hospital setting**

The Administration consulted the Panel of the Third Legislative Council ("LegCo") in December 2004 on a proposal to launch a trial scheme to provide infirmiry care places for medically stable elders in a non-hospital setting. Various options are being explored, including upgrading some of the places in subvented RCHs for the elderly to provide infirmiry care. The Administration will report the progress in due course.

To be decided

**21. Welfare of elderly persons living alone**

Item proposed by Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki.

To be decided

**22. Second Phase of the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly**

Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung proposed to discuss the provision of additional vouchers under the Second Phase of the Pilot Scheme.

To be decided

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for discussion**

**23. Provision of welfare service premises for the elderly and enhancement of facilities therein**

Item proposed by Mr CHEUNG Kwok-che.

To be decided

**24. Old Age Living Allowance**

Item proposed by Hon Michael TIEN.

To be decided

Hon Michael TIEN would like to discuss enhancement of the Old Age Living Allowance.

**Welfare services for youth and children**

**25. Child protection policy and a proposed Member's bill on such policy**

Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung has requested the Panel to discuss child protection policy and his proposed Member's bill on such policy, which will soon be presented to the Panel for consideration.

To be decided

**26. Welfare measures for facilitating children and youth development**

The former Panel agreed to explore whether to discuss the issue "Exploring a way out for young people in respect of welfare, education and employment, etc. under deep-rooted social conflicts in light of the Mongkok Riot occurred on 8 February 2016".

To be decided

Hon SHIU Ka-chun has suggested discussing as soon as possible the captioned subject matter which also covers the issue mentioned above.

**27. Mental health of children and adolescents and related community support services**

Given that mental health of children and adolescents is a key area of discussion of the Advisory Committee on Mental Health, Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki has suggested that a joint

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for discussion**

meeting with the Panel on Health Services ("HS Panel") and the Panel on Education ("ED Panel") should be held in the 2018-2019 session to discuss issues relating to mental health and related community support services and the work progress of the Advisory Committee.

Hon KWONG Chun-yu and Hon SHIU Ka-chun have suggested that service arrangements for Integrated Community Centres for Mental Wellness arising from extension of the scope of their service to cover all secondary school students should also be discussed under this item.

**28. Youth suicides**

Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki has suggested that the Panel should consider holding a joint meeting with the HS Panel on youth suicides and relevant social welfare organizations should be invited to give views thereon.

To be decided

A joint meeting with the HS Panel and the ED Panel was held on 20 December 2017 to discuss "Mental health of adolescents" which covered, inter alia, youth suicides.

**29. Provision of cyber youth support services for reaching out to at-risk and hidden youths through the Internet**

Item proposed by Hon SHIU Ka-chun.

To be decided

**Women welfare**

**30. Women-related issues (e.g. measures to unleash women workforce, female employees receiving less pay than male employees for equal work, long working hours, etc.)**

Item proposed by Miss CHAN Yuen-han.

To be decided

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for discussion**

**31. The work of the Women's Commission and the Equal Opportunities Commission in the implementation of Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region**

Item referred by the Panel on Constitutional Affairs ("CA Panel") (LC Paper No. CB(2)232/17-18(01)). CA Panel members will be invited to attend the relevant meeting for discussion of the item.

To be decided

**Support for underprivileged groups with special needs in the community**

**32. Proposal for formation of a subcommittee on issues relating to welfare of persons with disabilities**

Item proposed by Miss CHAN Yuen-han.

To be decided

**33. Community care and support services for persons with disabilities**

The former Panel acceded to Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung's request (LC Paper No. CB(2)401/15-16(02)) for discussion of issues relating to community care and support services for persons with disabilities.

To be decided

The Panel acceded to Hon YUNG Hoi-yan's request (LC Paper No. CB(2)253/16-17(01)) for discussion of issues relating to autistic adults.

**34. Welfare issues relating to students with special educational needs**

Item proposed by Hon Alvin YEUNG. He also suggested that the ED Panel be invited to join the relevant discussion.

To be decided

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**35. Arrangements made and support measures provided by the Social Welfare Department in relation to households living in inadequate housing and the homeless**

Item proposed by Hon KWONG Chun-yu and Hon SHIU Ka-chun.

To be decided

Hon KWONG Chun-yu has suggested that representatives from HAB should also be invited for discussing this item.

The Subcommittee to Follow Up Issues Related to Inadequate Housing and Relevant Housing Policies formed under the Panel on Housing ("HG Panel") has held its first meeting on 14 December 2018.

**36. Regularization of living subsidy programme for households not living in public housing and not receiving Comprehensive Social Security Assistance**

Item proposed by Hon Michael TIEN.

To be decided

**Social welfare planning and administration**

**37. Planning for social welfare policies**

The former Panel discussed medium and long-term social welfare planning at its meetings on 19 February, 26 March and 8 July 2013. Members suggested that the Panel should discuss with the Administration progress of the subject matter.

To be decided

**38. Amending Social Workers Registration Ordinance (Cap. 505)**

Item proposed by Hon SHIU Ka-chun.

To be decided

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**39. Management of projects financed by Lotteries Fund**

Item proposed by Hon SHIU Ka-chun. The item was covered in the Public Accounts Committee ("PAC") Report No. 68 published in July 2017. A Government Minute, with details of the Government's responses, was tabled at LegCo on 18 October 2017.

To be decided

**40. Manpower planning for provision of social welfare services**

Item proposed by Hon KWONG Chun-yu and Hon SHIU Ka-chun.

To be decided

**Others**

**41. Charitable fund-raising activities**

On 6 December 2013, the Law Reform Commission ("LRC") released its report on charities, which put forward a number of recommendations including those on monitoring charitable fund-raising activities. HAB is coordinating comments from relevant bureaux and departments for formulating the Administration's responses to the report.

To be decided

The Administration's responses and actions with regard to LRC reports are to be reported to the Panel on Administration of Justice and Legal Services ("AJLS Panel"). HAB is planning to report progress to the AJLS Panel later when the responses are ready.

The monitoring of charitable fund-raising activities was covered in PAC Report No. 68 published in July 2017. A Government Minute, with details of the Government's responses, was tabled at LegCo on 18 October 2017.

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**42. Community development policy**

Item proposed by Hon SHIU Ka-chun.

To be decided

The Panel has discussed and received deputations' views on "Community development policy and services" at its meeting on 11 June 2018.

**43. Review of the Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities**

Item proposed by Hon Michael TIEN.

To be decided

Hon Michael TIEN has suggested that the Scheme should be extended to cover red minibuses and non-franchized buses providing residents' services.

**44. Partial tenancy control**

Item proposed by Hon Michael TIEN.

To be decided

Hon Michael TIEN has suggested that the Administration should conduct public consultation on the subject matter.

Two joint meetings of the HG Panel and the Panel were held on 4 June and 6 July 2018 to receive public views on tenancy control.