

**Panel on Welfare Services**

**List of outstanding items for discussion**  
(position as at 8 March 2019)

**Proposed timing  
for discussion**

**1. 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.

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

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

**3. Community Investment and Inclusion Fund**

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

Hon KWONG Chun-yu has suggested that relevant deputations should be invited to give views on the subject matter.

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

Item proposed by Hon KWONG Chun-yu and Hon SHIU Ka-chun. 2 April 2019

Hon KWONG Chun-yu has suggested that the

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Panel should discuss and receive public views on the subject matter.

**5. Providing extra allowance to recipients of social security, Working Family Allowance and Work Incentive Transport Subsidy; and one-off grant to students in need**

Item proposed by the Administration.

15 April 2019

The two captioned initiatives were announced in the 2019-2020 Budget as part of the relief measures. The Administration will brief members on the relevant implementation arrangements.

**6. 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) ("RCHE Ordinance"), Residential Care Homes (Persons with Disabilities) Ordinance (Cap. 613) ("RCHD Ordinance") and the related codes of practice.

Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung would also like to discuss improving the quality of manpower of residential care homes ("RCHs").

The Administration will report to members the measures that have been implemented by SWD after the creation of the supernumerary post of Assistant Director of Social Welfare, which was approved by the Finance Committee of the

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Legislative Council ("LegCo") on 21 April 2017, to strengthen the monitoring of RCHEs and RCHDs and enhance their service quality, including the review of the RCHE Ordinance, the RCHD Ordinance and the related codes of practice.

**7. Annual briefing on welfare facility projects funded by Lotteries Fund**

Item proposed by the Administration.

15 April 2019

The Administration will brief members on a list of proposed welfare facility projects in respect of which funding support from the Lotteries Fund will be sought in 2019-2020, and to report the progress of the proposed projects included in the previous annual briefing in July 2018.

**8. Provision of speech therapy services for elderly persons, persons with disabilities and students with special needs**

Hon KWONG Chun-yu has suggested that the item should be discussed at a joint meeting with the Panel on Education ("ED Panel") and deputations should be invited to give views on the subject matter at the joint meeting.

May 2019

**9. Special Scheme on Privately Owned Sites for Welfare Uses**

Item proposed by the Administration.

20 May 2019

**10. Planning for the provision of welfare facilities in new development areas**

The Panel of the Fifth LegCo ("the former Panel") suggested that the Panel 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

20 May 2019

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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 have suggested that the Panel should discuss the captioned subject matter.

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

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

**12. 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.

**13. 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 for discussion of this item.

The Administration established the Steering

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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.

**14. 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.

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

Item proposed by the Administration.

July 2019

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

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

**16. 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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**17. Progress of the implementation of the Best Practice Manual among non-governmental organizations receiving Lump Sum Grant Subvention**

Item proposed by the Administration.

8 July 2019

**Services for elderly**

**18. 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

Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki has suggested that welfare for elderly persons living alone should also be discussed.

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

The Administration consulted the Panel of the Third 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

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

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

To be decided

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

Item proposed by Mr CHEUNG Kwok-che.

To be decided

**22. Old Age Living Allowance**

Item proposed by Hon Michael TIEN. He would like to discuss enhancement of the Old Age Living Allowance.

To be decided

**Welfare services for youth and children**

**23. 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

**24. 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.

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**25. 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 meeting with the Panel on Health Services ("HS Panel") and the 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.

To be decided

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.

**26. 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.

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

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

To be decided



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Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung has suggested that the Panel should hold a joint meeting with the ED Panel to discuss and receive views from relevant deputations/individuals including academics, professional bodies, welfare organizations, parents and students on the Education Bureau's tendering arrangements for provision of hearing aids.

**28. 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**

**29. 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

**30. 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

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

**31. 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

**32. 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.

**33. 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.

Hon Michael TIEN has suggested that regularization of living subsidy programme for households not living in public housing and not receiving Comprehensive Social Security Assistance should also be discussed.

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

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14 December 2018.

**34. Review of supplements, special grants, maximum amount of disregarded earnings and the Support for the Self-reliance Scheme under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance Scheme**

Item proposed by Hon SHIU Ka-chun.

To be decided

The Panel has discussed "Review of supplements and special grants under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance Scheme" at its meeting on 11 February 2019.

**Social welfare planning and administration**

**35. Planning for social welfare policies**

The former Panel has 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

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

Item proposed by Hon SHIU Ka-chun.

To be decided

**37. 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

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

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

To be decided

**Others**

**39. 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.

**40. 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.

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**41. 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.

**42. 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.