

Panel on Health Services

Subcommittee on Issues Relating to the Support for Cancer Patients

**List of follow-up actions required of the Administration
arising from the discussion at the meeting on 18 November 2019**

The Administration was requested to:

- (a) advise the target waiting time for patients of the Hospital Authority ("HA") to receive cancer diagnostic investigations, as well as the waiting time shortened and the number of additional examinations provided since the launch of the Project on Enhancing Radiological Investigation Services through Collaboration with the Private Sector, with a breakdown by the types of cancers covered under the Project;
- (b) in respect of colorectal cancer, advise:
 - (i) the number of confirmed cases and deaths in the past three years; and
 - (ii) the average costs of HA for treating different stages of colorectal cancer, and a value-for-money analysis of the Colorectal Cancer Screening Programme in terms of the medical costs saved, when compared with no screening, due to early detection of the disease or identification of people at increased risk of the disease so that treatment could start earlier to improve the chance of cure;
- (c) advise HA's current shortfall and annual turnover rate of oncologists, its estimated manpower requirement of oncologists for the next three, five and 10 years, and measures put in place by the Administration and HA to meet the above manpower requirement;
- (d) consider the suggestion of setting up an internet-based directory containing practice information of oncologists in the community to facilitate members of the public to choose oncologists of their choice; and
- (e) provide information on the terms of reference, composition and progress of work of all committees which were tasked to give advices to the Administration on the planning and development of cancer prevention and control strategies and measures.