

Panel on Health Services**List of follow-up actions**
(Position as at 7 May 2020)

Subject	Date of meeting	Follow-up action required	Administration's response
1. Briefing by the Secretary for Food and Health on the Chief Executive's 2017 Policy Address	26 January 2017	<p>The Administration was requested to provide information on:</p> <p>(a) the increase in public health expenditure in the light of a growing number of elders aged 65 or above under an ageing population; and</p> <p>(b) programmes to promote preventive care for middle-aged adults in primary care setting and the expenditure involved.</p>	The Administration will provide a response in due course.
2. Development of Chinese medicine	17 December 2018	<p>The Administration/the Hospital Authority ("HA") was requested to:</p> <p>(a) provide a response to the observations and recommendations made by Office of The Ombudsman in respect of the professional development of Chinese medicine pharmacists as set out in paragraphs 6.23, 6.24 and 6.28(11) of its Direct Investigation Report on Government's Regulation of Proprietary Chinese Medicine (Chinese version only) released on 13 December 2018;</p>	The Administration will provide a response in due course.

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		<p>(b) provide a response to the suggestions given by the Hong Kong Chinese Medicine Pharmacists Association on the development of Chinese medicine in its submission to the Panel (LC Paper No. CB(2)473/18-19(01));</p> <p>(c) provide an update in respect of the examination being carried out by the Correctional Services Department in liaison with the Department of Health and HA on the recommendation put forward by the jury of a death inquest held by the Coroner's Court in June 2018 that the Administration should consider providing Chinese medicine services as an option for prisoners in prison hospitals; and</p> <p>(d) provide for reference of the Panel the report on the evaluation of HA's Integrated Chinese-Western Medicine Pilot Programme once available.</p>	
<p>3. Briefing by the Secretary for Food and Health on the Chief Executive's 2019 Policy Address</p>	<p>21 October 2019</p>	<p>The Administration/HA was requested to advise:</p> <p>(a) the new measure(s) putting in place for (i) attracting more qualified non-locally</p>	<p>The Administration will provide a response in due course.</p>

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		<p>trained specialist medical practitioners to serve in the public healthcare sector; and</p> <p>(ii) shortening the waiting time for public healthcare services, in particular specialist outpatient services;</p> <p>(b) the number of people who had purchased or migrated to Certified Plans under the Voluntary Health Insurance Scheme since its launch in April 2019; and</p> <p>(c) the policies and measures putting in place by HA for enhancing communication with the Police to ensure the provision of a safe and stable environment for patients in public hospitals.</p>	
<p>4. The Administration's response measures for the emergence of a cluster of pneumonia cases in Wuhan of Hubei Province</p>	<p>10 January 2020</p>	<p>The Administration was requested to provide its estimation on the daily and total numbers of arrivals from Wuhan of Hubei Province since mid-December 2019.</p>	<p>The Administration's response was issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(2)873/19-20(01) on 27 April 2020.</p>
<p>5. Measures for the prevention and control of novel coronavirus infection in Hong Kong</p>	<p>30 January 2020</p>	<p>The Administration was requested to advise the total number of surgical masks that would be delivered to Hong Kong in early February 2020.</p>	<p>The Administration's response was issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(2)873/19-20(01) on 27 April 2020.</p>

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6. Measures for the prevention and control of Coronavirus Disease ("COVID-19") in Hong Kong	10 March 2020	<p>The Administration was requested to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) provide a written response to a member's concern about the quality of the surgical masks supplied by the Government Logistics Department ("GLD") for the Hong Kong Examinations and Assessment Authority to distribute to candidates sitting for this year's Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Examination;(b) in respect of the Administration's work in sourcing personal protective equipment (including surgical masks) globally to combat the novel coronavirus epidemic, advise (i) details of each order made so far and the expected delivery timetable for the ordered items; and (ii) its concrete plan on how to secure an adequate amount of these items for use by both frontline workers of HA and residents of Hong Kong throughout the epidemic period;(c) advise the date(s) on which GLD and HA started to make direct procurement of surgical masks without going through a tendering process so that orders could be placed quickly in the highly competitive global market; and	<p>The Administration's response was issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(2)873/19-20(01) on 27 April 2020.</p>

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		(d) advise the progress of the work of the Labour and Welfare Bureau in examining the proposal to prescribe COVID-19 as an occupational disease under the Employees' Compensation Ordinance (Cap. 282).	
7. Development of primary healthcare and setting up of DHC Express	20 March 2020	<p>The Administration was requested to:</p> <p>(a) provide information on the number of monthly attendance of the Kwai Tsing District Health Centre ("DHC") since its commencement of operation in September 2019; and</p> <p>(b) advise the address of the seven DHCs to be set up in Sham Shui Po, Wong Tai Sin, Wan Chai, Eastern, Yau Tsim Mong, Kwun Tong and Tai Po districts, for which support of the relevant District Councils in respect of their locations had been secured, and the timetable for consulting the other District Councils on the locations of the remaining 10 DHCs.</p>	The Administration will provide a response in due course.
8. Measures for the prevention and control of COVID-19 in Hong Kong	20 March 2020	The Administration was requested to advise the timetable for the disbursement of the monthly allowance of \$1,000 under the Anti-epidemic Fund for a period of no less	The Administration's response was issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(2)873/19-20(01) on 27 April 2020.

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		<p>than four months to frontline cleansing workers, toilet attendants and security workers employed by service contractors of the Government and HA.</p>	
<p>9. Measures for the prevention and control of COVID-19 in Hong Kong</p>	<p>8 April 2020</p>	<p>The Administration was requested to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) advise the difference in the COVID-19 testing arrangements for asymptomatic inbound travellers arriving via the air control point and the land boundary control points (i.e. Shenzhen Bay Port and Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge Hong Kong Port) under the Enhanced Laboratory Surveillance Programme as at 8 April 2020, and explain why there was a difference in the testing arrangements; (b) advise the surveillance work being carried out by the Administration to ensure that people who were subject to the 14-day compulsory quarantine would not leave their dwelling places; (c) advise whether a Mainland resident holding valid visit endorsement issued by the relevant authorities other than that of Wuhan city but had stranded in the Hubei Province during its lockdown was allowed to enter Hong Kong as of 8 April 2020; and 	<p>The Administration's response to item (d) was issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(2)859/19-20(01) on 23 April 2020; and its response to items (a) to (c) was issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(2)873/19-20(01) on 27 April 2020.</p>

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		<p>(d) advise the number of imported COVID-19 cases recorded from 25 March to 7 April 2020 with a breakdown by the countries or areas that the patients concerned had visited for any period of time during the 14 days before the date of arrival, and their respective percentage of the total passenger arrival figure.</p>	
<p>10.Measures for the prevention and control of COVID-19 in Hong Kong</p>	<p>24 April 2020</p>	<p>The Administration was requested to:</p> <p>(a) list out the respective enforcement departments for the Prevention and Control of Disease (Requirement and Directions) (Business and Premises) Regulation (Cap. 599F) and the Prevention and Control of Disease (Prohibition on Group Gathering) Regulation (Cap. 599G), and their respective enforcement duties;</p> <p>(b) in respect of the arrangement made by the Social Welfare Department to provide only limited home care services for elderly persons in the community during the epidemic, advise (i) whether personal protective equipment had been provided to frontline staff delivering the services; (ii) whether guidelines on the prevention</p>	<p>The Administration will provide a response in due course.</p>

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		<p>of COVID-19 in the provision of different home care services had been devised; and (iii) the circumstances under which the full range of home care services would be resumed; and</p> <p>(c) in respect of the setting up of the Department of Health's Holding Centre for Test Result in the Regal Oriental Hotel for temporarily accommodating those asymptomatic inbound travellers by air who needed to wait for their viral test results overnight, advise (i) the reason(s) why the Administration did not set up the Centre in hotels located closer to the Hong Kong International Airport; and (ii) the measures put in place to minimize the health risks so arose to the local community, in particular residents of Po Sing Court which was located adjacent to the Hotel and had two floors being used by Hotel staff for resting and dining.</p>	