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Panel on Welfare Services

Minutes of meeting held on Monday, 13 July 2020, at 10:45 am in Conference Room 1 of the Legislative Council Complex

Members : Hon KWONG Chun-yu (Chairman)
present Hon SHIU Ka-chun (Deputy Chairman)

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 Andrew WAN Siu-kin

Hon Wilson OR Chong-shing, MH

Dr Hon Pierre CHAN Hon LUK Chung-hung, JP Dr Hon CHENG Chung-tai

Members : Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung

absent Prof Hon Joseph LEE Kok-long, SBS, JP

Hon LEUNG Che-cheung, SBS, MH, JP

Hon CHU Hoi-dick

Public Officers: <u>Item II</u> **attending**

Ms Victoria TSE

Assistant Secretary for Labour and Welfare

(Rehabilitation)1

Labour and Welfare Bureau

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

Mr Charles LEUNG Chief Social Work Officer (Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services)2 Social Welfare Department

Item III

Ms Linda LAW
Principal Assistant Secretary for Labour and Welfare
(Welfare)3
Labour and Welfare Bureau

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

Ms Wendy FUNG Chief Social Work Officer (Elderly)3 Social Welfare Department

Attendance by invitation

: Item II

Chosen Power (People First Hong Kong)

Ms Carman TAM Chairperson

Chosen Parents Network

Ms AU Yim-fong Chairperson

<u>The Association of Parents of The Severely Mentally</u>
<u>Handicapped</u>

Ms LAI Pui-mei Chairman

Tsin Kan Day Activity Centre cum Hostel

Mr YEUNG Ka-keung Chairman of the Family Association

<u>The Hong Kong Joint Council of Parents of the Mentally Handicapped</u>

Ms CHEUNG Pui-lan Executive Member

Item III

Care for Carers

Mr CHAN Wai-lun Member

Christian Family Service Center

Ms TONG Choi-ying Programme Director

Elderly Service Community Affairs Concern Group

Mr CHENG Chee-hin Member

Hong Kong Social Workers' General Union

Mr CHEUNG Chi-wai Vice President of External Affairs

Concerning Social Care Services Group

Mr TSANG Hai-pang Member

Concerning Home Care Service Alliance

Ms FUNG Miu-ha Chairperson

Concerning Elderly Services Group

Ms LAM Chun Member

Clerk in attendance

: Ms Wendy JAN

Chief Council Secretary (2) 4

Staff in attendance

: Ms Catherina YU

Senior Council Secretary (2) 4

Mr Roger CHUNG Council Secretary (2) 4

Miss Alison HUI

Legislative Assistant (2) 4

Action

I. Information paper(s) issued since the last meeting

[LC Paper Nos. CB(2)1273/19-20(01), CB(2)1316/19-20(01) and CB(2)1331/19-20(01)]

(At 10:47 am, the Deputy Chairman chaired the meeting in the absence of the Chairman.)

Members noted that the following papers had been issued since the last meeting:

- (a) referral from the Public Complaints Office on policy issues relating to providing support for families and children in poverty;
- (b) information paper provided by the Administration entitled "Updating of the Standardized Care Need Assessment Mechanism for Elderly Services"; and

(c) letter dated 7 July 2020 from Dr Fernando CHEUNG to the Chairman of the Panel on Health Services concerning a confirmed case of Coronavirus Disease 2019 involving a resident of a residential care home for the elderly.

Referring to paragraph 1(b) above, <u>Dr Fernando CHEUNG</u> said that the Panel should discuss and receive public views on "Updating of the Standardized Care Need Assessment Mechanism for Elderly Services" in the new legislative session. He also requested the Administration to provide its response to his letter mentioned in paragraph 1(c) above as early as practicable. At the request of the Deputy Chairman, <u>Assistant Director (Rehabilitation and Medical Social Services)</u> ("AD(R&MSS)") undertook to follow up with the subject officer regarding the Administration's response to Dr CHEUNG's letter.

II. Special Needs Trust

[LC Paper Nos. CB(2)1316/19-20(02) to (03)]

- 2. At the invitation of the Deputy Chairman, <u>AD(R&MSS)</u> briefed members on the implementation of the Special Needs Trust ("SNT").
- 3. Five deputations had attended the meeting at the invitation of the Panel to give views on SNT. Their views were summarized in **Appendix I**.

(The Chairman resumed the chairmanship at 11:00 am.)

The Administration's response to deputations' views

- 4. Responding to the views expressed by the deputations, <u>AD(R&MSS)</u> made the following points:
 - (a) as the funds deposited into the trust accounts by parents/relatives ("the Settlors") of persons with special needs ("the Beneficiaries") would be used for paying the living expenses of the Beneficiaries, the funds would be regarded as the assets of the Beneficiaries in assessing their eligibility for the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance ("CSSA");
 - (b) staff of the SNT Office were required to engage Beneficiaries in drawing up their care plans. In the event that the

Beneficiaries wished to replace their carers or amend their care plans, staff of the SNT Office would discuss with the Beneficiaries to understand the reasons and review the requests with parties concerned for the long-term interests of the Beneficiaries;

- (c) for families having children with special needs but not having sufficient assets to open a trust account, the Social Welfare Department ("SWD") might open Director of Social Welfare Incorporated ("DSWI") accounts for these families with genuine needs to help their children manage their money for meeting the latter's basic living expenses on a long-term basis. There were currently around 7 000 DSWI accounts;
- (d) DSWI would act as the Trustee of SNT. As at end June 2020, 17 SNT applications had been received and three trust accounts had been opened;
- (e) 14 briefing sessions on SNT had been conducted and a total of over 1 000 parents/stakeholders had participated in these briefing sessions. More than 60 promotional activities (such as visits, talks and briefings) had been organized for parents, self-help organisations, special schools and social welfare organizations to introduce and promote SNT;
- (f) the Administration had consulted stakeholders in designing the SNT easy-to-read booklets; and
- (g) the SNT website had a hit rate of more than 40 000 and the Administration would enhance the publicity of SNT.

Discussion

Financial requirements for setting up trust accounts

5. <u>Dr Fernando CHEUNG</u> said that in Singapore, parents of children with special needs could set up a public trust account with a minimum of S\$5,000 (HK\$27,900) and the annual fee of each trust account was around S\$400 (HK\$2,200). They were also allowed to deposit funds into their trust accounts by instalments. However, parents in Hong Kong who wished to join SNT were required to deposit no less than \$212,400 plus the prevailing first year annual trust fee (i.e. the First Payment) into their

- SNT accounts. Expressing concern that some parents could not afford the First Payment, the Chairman and Dr CHEUNG urged the Administration to reduce the amount of the First Payment so that more families in need could participate in SNT. Dr CHEUNG further considered that Settlors should be allowed to pay the First Payment by instalments.
- 6. <u>AD(R&MSS)</u> responded that the minimum amount of the First Payment should be no less than the current financial limit of the monthly living expenses for a mentally incapacitated person set by the Guardianship Board (i.e. \$17,700) for 12 months plus the prevailing first year annual trust fee. The Administration had no plan to reduce the amount of the First Payment at this stage.
- 7. <u>Dr Fernando CHEUNG</u> enquired whether there was a minimum amount for monthly expenses of Beneficiaries. <u>AD(R&MSS)</u> responded that the Administration would discuss the care plans with the Settlors and estimate the monthly expenses according to the circumstances of the Beneficiaries. The amount of monthly expenses would depend on the care needs and living expenses of individual Beneficiaries. As such, there was no prescribed minimum amount for monthly expenses of Beneficiaries after SNT accounts were activated.

Financial management

- 8. <u>The Chairman, Dr KWOK Ka-ki</u> and <u>Mr POON Siu-ping</u> were of the view that the annual fee of each trust account was too high. <u>The Chairman</u> and <u>Dr KWOK</u> called on that the Administration to waive the annual fee of trust accounts. <u>Mr POON</u> considered that the Administration should reduce the annual fee.
- 9. <u>AD(R&MSS)</u> responded that the annual fee was charged to cover the accounting and administrative expenses of the trust funds incurred by the SNT Office. Based on the current cost level and on the assumption of having 300 trust accounts in the first few initial years, the annual fee of each trust account was set at \$21,000. He further said that the Administration currently had no plan to waive the annual fee.
- 10. <u>The Chairman</u> and <u>the Deputy Chairman</u> took the view that the Administration should review the amount of the First Payment and the annual fee. <u>The Chairman</u> also called on the Administration to substantially reduce the annual fee when the number of trust accounts had increased. <u>AD(R&MSS)</u> responded that the Administration would review

the arrangements of SNT after it had been implemented for a period of time and views of members and deputations would be taken into account in conducting the review.

- 11. <u>Dr KWOK Ka-ki</u> enquired whether the Administration would consider injecting funds into the trust accounts on a dollar-to-dollar matching basis so that the trust funds could cover the living expenses of the Beneficiaries for a longer period. <u>AD(R&MSS)</u> responded that the Administration currently had no such plan.
- 12. Noting that the Administration would invite relevant professionals to give advice on SNT, Mr POON Siu-ping sought further information in this regard. AD(R&MSS) responded that a working group would be established by the Trustee to advise the Director of Social Welfare on investment matters relating to the trust funds, with members being parents of children with special needs and professionals including those from the legal and financial sectors. Its membership list and terms of reference would be uploaded onto the SNT website.

Eligibility of Beneficiaries for Comprehensive Social Security Assistance

- 13. <u>Dr Fernando CHEUNG</u> said that as the funds deposited into the trust accounts would be counted towards the assets of the Beneficiaries, the Beneficiaries' eligibility for CSSA would be affected. As such, some parents had reservations about joining SNT. <u>The Deputy Chairman, Dr Fernando CHEUNG</u> and <u>Dr KWOK Ka-ki</u> called on the Administration to abolish such an arrangement.
- 14. <u>AD(R&MSS)</u> responded that while the funds deposited in the Beneficiaries' trust accounts would be regarded as assets of the Beneficiaries in assessing their eligibility for CSSA, their eligibility for the Disability Allowance under the Social Security Allowance Scheme, which was non-means-tested, would not be affected.

Applications for Special Needs Trust

15. The Deputy Chairman said that according to the Administration, the SNT Office had handled 320 enquiries as at end-February 2020, but had only received 17 SNT applications as at end-June 2020. He enquired about the reasons for having such a small number of applications.

- 16. <u>AD(R&MSS)</u> responded that although the SNT Office had started accepting SNT applications since 25 March 2019, the outbreak of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 ("COVID-19") had also made an impact on the number of applications received as some parents who were interested in SNT had deferred their visits to the SNT Office due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Given that time was required for the staff of SNT Office to discuss with Settlors the care plans of Beneficiaries, <u>AD(R&MSS)</u> said that the Administration considered that the number of SNT applications received so far was reasonable. The SNT Office would continue with the effort in promoting SNT.
- 17. In response to the Deputy Chairman's enquiry about the total amount of trust funds involved in the 17 SNT applications received by the SNT Office, <u>AD(R&MSS)</u> said that he would not provide the requisite information as this would reveal the financial situation of the applicants. He added that the Beneficiaries of these 17 applications included persons with intellectual disability, mental disorder and autism, and three trust accounts had been opened so far.
- 18. As regards Mr POON Siu-ping's enquiry about the progress of the remaining 14 SNT applications, <u>AD(R&MSS)</u> said that the SNT Office would endeavour to complete the processing of these applications as early as practicable.

Manpower provision for and expenditures of Special Needs Trust Office

- 19. Noting that the Administration had allocated \$50 million to cover the costs of the SNT Office for the first five years of its operation, the Deputy Chairman enquired about the manpower provision for and total expenditures of the SNT Office in its first year of operation.
- 20. <u>AD(R&MSS)</u> responded that some social workers, administrative staff and finance staff were currently working in the SNT Office and the SNT Office was not yet in full strength. The Administration would review the manpower provision for the SNT Office having regard to the number of SNT applications received.

Motion

21. <u>Dr Fernando CHEUNG</u> moved the following motion:

"'特殊需要信託'('信託')應讓有特殊需要而不能自我照顧的子

女('受益人')的父母/家屬在自身離世後,可遺下一些財產用以照顧受益人。'信託'的資產不應計算為受益人的資產,以免影響其福利和服務安排。'信託'的入場門檻應低於5萬元,容許供款。行政費每年應低於2,000元,讓大部分有特殊需要子女的家庭可以參加並受到保障。"

(Translation)

"The Special Needs Trust ("SNT") should allow parents/relatives of children with special needs who cannot take care of themselves ("the Beneficiaries") to leave some of their assets after their passing for taking care of the Beneficiaries. The assets under SNT should not be counted towards the assets of the Beneficiaries in order not to affect their eligibility for welfare benefits and services. The threshold for joining SNT should be lower than \$50,000, with contributions allowed. The annual administration fee should be capped at \$2,000 so that most families of children with special needs can join SNT and be protected."

22. <u>The Chairman</u> put the motion to vote. As the majority of members present voted for the motion, <u>the Chairman</u> declared that the motion was carried.

III. Progress of the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly

[LC Paper Nos. CB(2)1316/19-20(04) to (05)]

- 23. At the invitation of the Chairman, <u>Assistant Director (Elderly)</u> ("AD(Elderly)") briefed members on the progress of the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly ("the Pilot Scheme").
- 24. <u>The Chairman</u> said that seven deputations had been invited to give views on the Pilot Scheme. At the invitation of the Chairman, the deputations presented their views which were summarized in **Appendix II**.

(At 12:03 pm, the Deputy Chairman took the chair in the absence of the Chairman. The Chairman resumed the chairmanship at 12:14 pm.)

The Administration's response to deputations' views

- 25. Responding to the views expressed by the deputations, <u>AD(Elderly)</u> made the following points:
 - (a) information on individual Recognized Service Providers ("RSPs") of the Pilot Scheme was made available on "SWD Elderly Information Website". Elderly persons and their carers might make reference to such information when choosing RSPs and service packages under the Pilot Scheme. Elderly persons and their carers might also approach their responsible social workers ("RW") or SWD's Centralized Team of the Pilot Scheme ("Centralized Team") for assistance;
 - (b) around 65% of the voucher holders were paying the lowest two levels of co-payment under the Pilot Scheme, which showed that elderly persons from low-income families could benefit from the Pilot Scheme;
 - (c) the amount of payments made by voucher holders under the Pilot Scheme were comparable to the amount of fees paid by service users of subsidized Day Care Centre for the Elderly ("DE") and home care services. SWD would continue to monitor the fees charged by RSPs of the Pilot Scheme to ensure that such fees were set at a reasonable level;
 - (d) the Second Phase of the Pilot Scheme covered 18 districts across the territory and there were more RSPs providing community care services ("CCS") in districts which had higher elderly population; and
 - (e) SWD would continue to monitor the service quality of individual RSPs through unannounced visits, random checks and audit checks. In recent years, SWD had only received a small number of complaints against RSPs.

Discussion

Implementation of the Pilot Scheme

26. Noting that the Administration had obtained \$380 million and

- \$1 billion from the Lotteries Fund ("LF") to implement the First Phase and Second Phase of the Pilot Scheme respectively, Mr POON Siu-ping asked whether the above-mentioned funding had been used up and enquired about the amount of funding allocated for launching the Third Phase. AD(Elderly) responded that around \$240 million and \$610 million had been spent on implementing the First Phase and Second Phase of the Pilot Scheme respectively. The Administration had earmarked \$1,300 million under LF to launch the Third Phase in October 2020.
- 27. Mr POON Siu-ping expressed concern that some voucher holders had to travel to other districts to receive CCS under the Pilot Scheme due to inadequate provision of CCS in their districts. Noting that the Administration would encourage more RSPs to join the Third Phase of the Pilot Scheme, he asked whether the Administration had set any target in this regard. AD(Elderly) responded that although the Administration had not set any such target, it would endeavour to encourage more service operators to join the Pilot Scheme with a view to increasing the provision of CCS under the Pilot Scheme.
- 28. In response to Mr LUK Chung-hung's enquiry about the co-payment arrangement under the Pilot Scheme, <u>AD(Elderly)</u> advised that elderly persons participating in the Pilot Scheme were required to co-pay with the Government for receiving services. There were six levels of co-payment ranging from 5% to 40% of the service package values. SWD would determine the co-payment level for eligible elderly persons based on their household income.
- 29. Given that elderly persons and their carers might have difficulties in choosing suitable RSPs and service packages, Mr LUK Chung-hung suggested that the Administration should set up a one-stop webpage and issue pamphlets setting out information on RSPs to facilitate elderly persons and their carers to choose suitable RSPs for provision of CCS.
- 30. <u>AD(Elderly)</u> advised that the Centralized Team had collaborated with RWs to assist voucher holders with the selection of RSPs and service packages. Besides, information on RSPs was made available on the webpages of RSPs and SWD. Eligible elderly persons would also be provided with information on RSPs when they were invited to join the Pilot Scheme.
- 31. Mr LUK Chung-hung enquired whether there was a difference between CCS provided under the Pilot Scheme and those provided under

subsidized home care services and by DE. <u>AD(Elderly)</u> responded that CCS provided under the Pilot Scheme were similar to those provided under subsidized home care services and by DE.

- (At 12:32 pm, the Chairman extended the meeting for 15 minutes beyond the appointed ending time to allow sufficient time for discussion.)
- 32. Mr POON Siu-ping asked for the number of complaints against RSPs received by the Administration in recent years and the follow-up actions taken. AD(Elderly) advised that under the Second Phase of the Pilot Scheme, the Administration had so far received four complaint cases and had taken follow-up actions on these cases as appropriate.
- 33. Noting that the Pilot Scheme had been implemented for seven years, Mr POON Siu-ping enquired whether the Administration would regularize the Pilot Scheme after the implementation of the Third Phase of the Pilot Scheme. Principal Assistant Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Welfare)3 advised that the Administration would introduce various enhancement measures under the Third Phase of the Pilot Scheme. One of the major enhancements was the setting of only the maximum and minimum voucher values so as to provide RSPs with greater flexibility in offering service packages that suited the needs of service users. The Administration would monitor the effectiveness of the enhancement measures and consider the way forward of the Pilot Scheme upon the completion of the Third Phase.

Effectiveness of the Pilot Scheme

- 34. Mr LUK Chung-hung expressed concern that only 4 200 out of the 6 000 voucher holders were receiving services under the Pilot Scheme. He considered that the number of elderly persons receiving services under the Pilot Scheme was small when compared to the total number of elderly persons in Hong Kong. AD(Elderly) clarified that only elderly persons who were assessed as moderately or severely impaired by the Standardized Care Need Assessment Mechanism for Elderly Services, and were on the Central Waiting List for subsidized long-term care services without receiving any kind of residential care services or subsidized CCS were eligible to join the Pilot Scheme.
- 35. <u>The Chairman</u> and <u>Dr Fernando CHEUNG</u> shared similar concerns that given the inadequate provision of CCS under the Pilot Scheme, a large number of voucher holders had never used their vouchers or had

withdrawn from the Pilot Scheme. <u>Dr CHEUNG</u> was of the view that the co-payment mechanism of the Pilot Scheme had further deterred poor elderly persons from using the vouchers. <u>The Chairman</u> and <u>Dr CHEUNG</u> therefore questioned the effectiveness of the Pilot Scheme. <u>Dr CHEUNG</u> further suggested that instead of providing CCS which were similar to those provided under subsidized home care services and by DE, the Administration should consider providing CCS to only those persons suffering from dementia under the Pilot Scheme.

Measures to address the needs of elderly persons

- 36. The Deputy Chairman and Dr Fernando CHEUNG were concerned that over 10 000 elderly persons were on the waiting lists for various types of CCS, including the Integrated Home Care Services ("IHCS"), Enhanced Home and Community Care Services ("EHCCS") and services of DE. Although the Administration had proposed in the 2020-2021 Budget to provide 3 000 additional service places under IHCS (Frail Cases), the Deputy Chairman considered that the proposed increase in service places was far from adequate in addressing the needs of elderly persons and enquired whether the Administration would further increase the provision of IHCS and EHCCS as well as the service places of DE.
- 37. <u>AD(Elderly)</u> advised that the Administration had provided 2 000 additional service places under EHCCS in 2019. It would also provide 1 500 additional service places under IHCS (Frail Cases) in October 2020 and April 2021 respectively, making a total of 3 000 additional places. As announced in the Chief Executive's 2019 Policy Address, 1 000 additional vouchers would be provided under the Pilot Scheme. The Administration would continue to adopt a multi-pronged approach to increase the provision of CCS to meet the needs of elderly persons.
- (At 12:58 pm, the Chairman suggested that the meeting be further extended until the completion of the discussion on the item. Members present raised no objection to the suggestion.)
- 38. The Chairman and Dr Fernando CHEUNG were of the view that instead of allocating substantial resources to implement large-scale infrastructure projects, the Administration should allocate such resources to implement effective measures, such as substantial increase in the provision of subsidized CCS, implementation of universal retirement protection scheme and provision of adequate public health care services, to address the various needs of poor elderly persons. The Chairman

further opined that senior officials from the Labour and Welfare Bureau should attend the discussion of this item to answer members' questions on these measures.

Motion

- 39. Dr Fernando CHEUNG moved the following motion:
 - "'長者社區照顧服務券試驗計劃'已經試驗了7年,近四成參與 的長者從未使用服務券,兩成因沒有合適服務而離開計劃, 顯示計劃並不成功。

本委員會促請政府應盡快大幅增加資助的社區照顧服務,並 建立第三方個案經理制度,以協助照顧者及長者得到充足資 訊及合適服務,讓有需要的長者不會因經濟困難而得不到適 切的照顧。"

(Translation)

"Although the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly has already been implemented for seven years, nearly 40% of the participating elderly persons have never used the service vouchers whilst 20% have withdrawn from the Scheme as no suitable services are available for them, showing that the Scheme is not successful.

This Panel urges the Government to substantially increase the provision of subsidized community care services as soon as possible, and establish a third-party case manager system so as to facilitate carers and elderly persons to obtain sufficient information and receive suitable services, thereby ensuring that elderly persons in need will not be denied appropriate care due to lack of means."

40. <u>The Chairman</u> put the motion to vote. All members present voted for the motion. The Chairman declared that the motion was carried.

IV. Any other business

41. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 1:04 pm.

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Panel on Welfare Services

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Special Needs Trust

Summary of views and concerns expressed by deputations

No.	Name of deputation	Views
1.	Chosen Power (People First Hong Kong)	LC Paper Nos. CB(2)1354/19-20(03) to (04)
2.	Chosen Parents Network	LC Paper No. CB(2)1354/19-20(05)
3.	The Association of Parents of The Severely Mentally Handicapped	LC Paper No. CB(2)1354/19-20(02)
4.	Tsin Kan Day Activity Centre cum Hostel	 The funds deposited into the trust accounts by parents/relatives ("Settlors") of persons with special needs ("Beneficiaries") should not be counted towards the assets of the Beneficiaries in order not to affect the Beneficiaries' eligibility for social welfare benefits. As the Administration had not alerted the Settlors that the funds deposited into the trust accounts would affect Beneficiaries' eligibility for Comprehensive Social Security Assistance, some Settlors and Beneficiaries might face unexpected financial difficulties.
5.	The Hong Kong Joint Council of Parents of the Mentally Handicapped	LC Paper No. CB(2)1354/19-20(01)

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Progress of the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly

Summary of views and concerns expressed by deputations

No.	Name of deputation	Views
1.	Care for Carers	LC Paper No. CB(2)1345/19-20(02)
2.	Christian Family Service Center	 For voucher holders who were receiving Comprehensive Social Security Assistance, the Administration should consider reimbursing them the amount of co-payment they made under the Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly ("the Pilot Scheme"). Some elderly persons were not willing to let social workers or health care professionals go to their homes to assist them in choosing suitable service packages or to conduct regular assessment review of their care plans since such home visits came with a fee. The Administration should consider making such home visits a mandatory requirement under the Pilot Scheme. Some Recognized Service Providers could not provide meals delivery service due to its high cost.
3.	Elderly Service Community Affairs Concern Group	 The Social Welfare Department should monitor the quality of services provided by private organizations under the Pilot Scheme. Social workers should be allowed to provide professional rehabilitation services under the Pilot Scheme. The co-payment level of a voucher holder under the Pilot Scheme should be determined according to his/her impairment level.
4.	Hong Kong Social Workers' General Union	LC Paper No. CB(2)1354/19-20(06)

No.	Name of deputation	Views
5.	Concerning Social Care Services Group	LC Paper No. CB(2)1356/19-20(01)
6.	Concerning Home Care Service Alliance	LC Paper No. CB(2)1356/19-20(02)
7.	Concerning Elderly Services Group	LC Paper No. CB(2)1356/19-20(03)

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