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Provision of long-term care services for the elderly

The Public Accounts Committee ("PAC") Report No. 75 was tabled in the Council on 24 February 2021. In Part 5 of the Report on the "Report of the Public Accounts Committee on the Reports of the Director of Audit on the Accounts of the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region for the year ended 31 March 2019 and the Results of Value for Money Audits (Report No. 73)", the latest progress of implementing the Director of Audit's recommendations in relation to the provision of long-term care services for the elderly was reported (see the **Appendix** attached).

2. Taking into account the trend of an ageing population in Hong Kong, PAC is gravely concerned about the growing demand for subsidized long-term care services and the long waiting time for subsidized places. In this connection, PAC has recommended that the issue be continued to be followed up by the Panel on Welfare Services. PAC will also keep in view of further development on the subject.


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進行試驗計劃，為業界約 30 個在用環保斗加設裝置以符合運輸署所訂有關道路安全的警示及外觀要求，以及避免產生環境滋擾。該等裝置有助防止環保斗對其他道路使用者的安全構成威脅或對市民造成滋擾。該試驗計劃預計於 2020 年第二季完成，屆時有關結果和所汲取的經驗將有助業界為全港所有在用環保斗進行合適的改裝工程提供重要資料，包括道路安全裝置的設計及材料、操作指引、所需的改裝成本和時間等；及

- 聯合工作小組會持續研究不同選項，以提升環保斗業界的作業水平，並按推行自願管理制度的進展與經驗，再考慮長遠是否需要引入新的規管制度。

36. 委員會於 2021 年 1 月 6 日致函環境局局長，要求局方提供資料，說明政府當局為管理和管制路旁環保斗而推行的各項措施的最新情況。**環境保護署署長**的回覆載於附錄 4。

37. 委員會希望政府當局繼續向其報告此事的最新發展。

為長者提供的長期護理服務

(政府帳目委員會第七十三號報告書第 5 部第 41 及 42 段)

38. 委員會從 2020 年 5 月提交立法會的政府覆文中獲悉：

- 在支援體弱長者居家安老方面，政府當局會在 2020 年和 2021 年合共增加 3 000 個"綜合家居照顧服務(體弱個案)"名額，較 2020 年 5 月的 10 365 個家居照顧服務名額增加約 29%。政府當局亦會在 2020-2021 年度增加 1 000 張長者社區照顧服務券至總數 8 000 張，為更多有需要的長者提供服務；
- 在院舍照顧服務方面，政府當局由 2019-2020 年度起推行 51 個發展項目，陸續提供包括約 7 100 個資助及非資助安老宿位。此外，政府當局會繼續透過"改善買位計劃"向合資格安老院舍增購甲一級宿位(即人手

和空間標準較高的宿位)，由 2019-2020 年度起陸續增加共 5 000 個資助安老宿位；及

— 政府會落實上述措施，持續提供安老服務。

39. 委員會察悉，政府當局曾在 2021 年 1 月 11 日的立法會福利事務委員會會議上，向事務委員會匯報改善長者社區及院舍照顧服務的措施。

40. 委員會建議有關事宜由立法會福利事務委員會繼續跟進，並希望政府當局繼續向其報告此事的最新發展。

航空交通管制和相關服務的管理

(政府帳目委員會第七十三號報告書第 5 部第 43 至 45 段)

41. 何俊賢議員申報，他是香港機場管理局的非執行董事。

42. 委員會獲悉：

— 中華人民共和國外交部於 2020 年 10 月宣布對 3 家美國公司實施制裁措施，當中包括新航空交通管理系統("航管系統")的供應商雷神；及

— 政府當局於 2020 年 11 月告知立法會，運輸及房屋局和民航處一直並會繼續與航管系統的供應商保持密切溝通，確保供應商根據合約要求提供民用航空所需的器材及服務。政府當局會致力確保航空安全及航管系統維修保養工作不受影響。

~~43. 委員會希望政府當局繼續向其報告此事的最新發展。~~

~~Scheme would be launched in the second half of 2020, while the "Registration Scheme for Skip Operators" and "Charter for Skip Users" would be rolled out progressively in line with the amount of certified skips in the market;~~

- ~~- to assist skip operator trade in expediting the implementation of the Certification Scheme so as to increase the amount of certified skips in the market, JWG was conducting a trial for the trade to retrofit about 30 in-use skips with fixtures to meet the warning and appearance requirements for road safety as set by the Transport Department ("TD") and to prevent environmental nuisance. Such fixtures could help avoid the skips from posing safety threats to other road users or causing nuisance to the public. The trial was expected to be completed in the second quarter of 2020. The findings and experience gained would provide important information including the design and materials of the road safety fixtures, operation guidelines, the retrofitting cost and time required to facilitate the carrying out of suitable retrofitting works for all in-use skips across the territory by the trade; and~~
- ~~- JWG would continue to explore options for enhancing the standards of skip operations. Taking into account the progress of and the experience gained in implementing the voluntary management system, JWG would consider whether there was a need to introduce a new regulatory system in the long run.~~

36. The Committee wrote to Secretary for Environment on 6 January 2021 to seek information about the latest position of the measures implemented by the Administration to enhance the management and control of roadside skips. The replies from **Director of Environmental Protection** are in *Appendix 4*.

37. The Committee wishes to be kept informed of further development on the subject.

Provision of long-term care services for the elderly (Paragraphs 41 and 42 of Part 5 of P.A.C. Report No. 73)

38. The Committee was informed in the Government Minute which was laid before LegCo in May 2020 that:

- on supporting ageing in place of frail elderly persons, the Administration would provide an additional 3 000 service quota under the Integrated Home Care Services (Frail Cases) in total in 2020 and 2021, which represented an increase of around 29% as compared with 10 365 home care places in May 2020. The Administration would also provide 1 000 additional Community Care Service Vouchers in 2020-2021, bringing the total to 8 000, to provide services for more elderly persons in need;
- on residential care services, the Administration had been implementing 51 development projects since 2019-2020 to gradually provide, inter alia, about 7 100 subsidized and non-subsidized residential care places. The Administration would also continue to purchase additional EA1 places (i.e. places with higher standard of staffing and space provision) from eligible residential care homes for the elderly under the Enhanced Bought Place Scheme to provide an additional 5 000 subsidized residential care places in phases from year 2019-2020 onwards; and
- the Administration would implement the above initiatives for the provision of elderly services on an on-going basis.

39. The Committee noted that the Administration had updated the LegCo Panel on Welfare Services at its meeting on 11 January 2021 on measures to enhance community and residential care services for the elderly.

40. The Committee recommends that the issue be continued to be followed up by the LegCo Panel on Welfare Services and wishes to be kept informed of further development on the subject.

~~Administration of the air traffic control and related services~~
(Paragraphs 43 to 45 of Part 5 of P.A.C. Report No. 73)

41. ~~Hon Steven HO Chun-yin declared that he was a non-executive director of the Airport Authority Hong Kong.~~