

Panel on Welfare Services

List of outstanding items for discussion

(position as at 6 May 2025)

**Proposed timing
for discussion**

1. Review of the Traffic Accident Victims Assistance Scheme

Item proposed by the Administration at the work plan meeting on 5 February 2025¹(“the work plan meeting”).

June 2025

The Administration plans to report on the outcomes of the review of the Traffic Accident Victims Assistance Scheme in the second quarter of 2025.

2. Special Scheme to Import Care Workers for Residential Care Homes

Hon CHAU Siu-chung suggested at the meeting on 14 January 2025 that the item should be discussed. The scope of discussion will include the impact of the **Special Scheme to Import Care Workers for Residential Care Homes (“RCHs”)** on the employment, salary and benefits of local care workers.

June 2025

The Administration plans to report in June 2025 on the progress of the Special Scheme.

3. Preparation for the commencement of the Mandatory Reporting of Child Abuse Ordinance

Item proposed by the Administration at the work plan meeting.

July 2025

The Administration will brief members on the progress of the preparatory work for the implementation of the Mandatory Reporting of Child Abuse Ordinance in January 2026.

¹ The Panel’s Chairman and Deputy Chairman normally meet with officials from the Labour and Welfare Bureau each session to discuss the work plan of the Panel.

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for discussion**

4. Promoting elderly-friendly building design

Item proposed by the Administration at the work plan meeting. Third quarter of 2025

5. Implementation progress of the Residential Care Services Scheme in Guangdong

Item proposed by the Administration at the work plan meeting. Third quarter of 2025

As agreed at the work plan meeting, the Panel will discuss, within the context of this item, updates on “**cross-boundary elderly services**” and “**Residential Care Services Scheme in Guangdong**” proposed by Hon Stanley LI at the meeting on 14 January 2025.

6. Implementation progress of the Pilot Scheme for Elderly Comprehensive Social Security Assistance Recipients to Reside in Residential Care Homes in Guangdong

Item proposed by the Administration at the work plan meeting. Third quarter of 2025

7. Community mental health support services

Item proposed by the Administration at the work plan meeting. Fourth quarter of 2025

The Administration will brief members on the scaled up training of social workers in community mental health service units, the Pilot Project on Transitional Support Service for Persons in Mental Recovery, as well as the real-time online youth emotional support platform.

8. Support services for children (including pre-school children) with special needs and their parents

Item proposed by the Administration at the work plan meeting. Fourth quarter of 2025

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for discussion**

9. Annual adjustment to social security payment rates

Item proposed by the Administration at the work plan meeting. Fourth quarter of 2025

10. Implementation progress of new requirements under the Residential Care Homes Legislation (Miscellaneous Amendments) Ordinance 2023

Item proposed by the Administration at the work plan meeting. Fourth quarter of 2025

11. Monitoring and review of the performance standards of non-governmental organizations receiving lump sum grant subvention

Hon TANG Ka-piu suggested at the meetings on 17 January 2023 and 14 January 2025 that the item should be discussed. To be confirmed

12. Review report on the Government's support for residential care homes to tackle the fifth wave of the epidemic

Dr Hon TIK Chi-yuen suggested via his letter dated 10 February 2023 (LC Paper No. CB(2)124/2023(01)) that the item should be discussed. To be confirmed

Dr Hon TIK Chi-yuen suggested at the meeting on 8 May 2023 that the Administration should brief members as early as possible on the review progress of the Government's support for RCHs to tackle the epidemic.

13. The Continuing Powers of Attorney Bill

Item referred by the Panel on Administration of Justice and Legal Services (LC Paper No. CB(2)1112/2023(01) issued on 6 December 2023). To be confirmed

The Continuing Powers of Attorney Bill (“CPA Bill”) seeks to implement the Law Reform Commission of Hong Kong’s Report on Enduring Powers of Attorney: Personal Care. The Administration launched a consultation on the CPA Bill on 28 December 2017 and is considering the responses received for refining the CPA Bill.

Hon LAM San-keung suggested at the meeting on 16 January 2024 that the item should be discussed.

14. Enhancement and review of social welfare services

Hon Doreen KONG and Dr Hon TIK Chi-yuen suggested at the meeting on 14 January 2025 that the item should be discussed. The scope of discussion will cover promoting the application of **digital and artificial intelligence (“AI”) technologies** in social welfare services and formulating strategies to avoid any adverse impact of the **Budget** on the finance, services and operations of welfare organizations. To be confirmed

15. Review of Government Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme

Hon Michael TIEN suggested at the meeting on 14 January 2025 that the item should be discussed. To be confirmed

16. Planning and resource allocation for elderly services

Hon Doreen KONG and Hon TANG Ka-piu suggested at the meeting on 14 January 2025 that the item should be discussed. The scope of discussion will cover support for **elderly singletons**, establishment of a **register** of high-risk **elderly persons** and support for **elderly dementia patients**, with a view to dovetailing with the National Action Plan to Address Alzheimer's Dementia (2024-2030) jointly issued by 15 institutions, including the National Health Commission, the National Development and Reform Commission and the Ministry of Civil Affairs.

To be confirmed

17. Review of poverty alleviation policies

Hon Doreen KONG, Hon Stanley LI, Dr Hon TIK Chi-yuen and Hon TANG Ka-piu suggested at the meeting on 14 January 2025 that the item should be discussed. The scope of discussion will cover the approach in **measuring poverty**, the effectiveness of **poverty alleviation measures** and the review of **target groups for targeted poverty alleviation**.

To be confirmed

18. Expansion of child care services and enhancement of the monitoring mechanism

Hon Michael TIEN suggested at the meeting on 14 January 2025 that the item should be discussed. The scope of discussion will cover the **extension of the School-based After School Care Service Scheme** to kindergartens, and the application of **AI technologies to identify suspected abuse cases**.

To be confirmed

19. Strengthening of the monitoring mechanism of residential care homes

Hon Michael TIEN suggested at the meeting on 14 January 2025 that the item should be discussed. The scope of discussion will cover the Administration's review and follow up on incident of suspected abuse of service users by staff of RCH for PWDs.

To be confirmed

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20. Acceleration of the legislative progress of the Children Proceedings (Parental Responsibility) Bill

Hon LAM San-keung suggested at the meeting on 14 January 2025 that the item should be discussed. The scope of discussion will cover the **results and analysis of the questionnaire survey on co-parenting support services**. To be confirmed

21. Briefing on the Chief Executive's 2025 Policy Address

Item proposed by the Administration at the work plan meeting. To be confirmed

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