

LegCo Panel on Welfare Services

List of issues to be considered

1. Review of the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Scheme

The subject was last discussed at the meeting on 27 July 1998 during which the Director of Social Welfare briefed members on the findings of the Administration's review on CSSA. The Administration has recently indicated that the final report will not be ready for discussion until the meeting in December 1998.

2. Guardianship Board under the Mental Health Ordinance

At the Finance Committee meeting on 30 March 1998 when the proposed remuneration for the chairperson, honoraria for non-official members and allowances for witnesses of the Guardianship Board to be established under the Mental Health Ordinance were approved, the Administration undertook to review the relative values of honoraria and allowances paid to Board members and witnesses and to report its findings to Members.

3. Review of the rapid expansion of the Social Welfare Department and its role in provision of direct social services

The subject was last discussed at the meeting on 9 May 1997 during which members expressed concern on the division of work between SWD and NGOs in the provision of social welfare services and the allocation of resources to SWD and NGOs for providing new services. At the meeting held on 27 July 1998, Mr LAW Chi-kwong proposed to further discuss this item at a future meeting.