

Select Committee Question 28(1), (2) & (3)

1. **What were the duties and responsibilities of Professor Joseph SUNG, the Chief of Service of the Department of Medicine & Therapeutics at Prince of Wales Hospital (PWH), and were they different from those of the Chiefs of Service of the Departments of Medicine in other hospitals within the New Territories East Cluster during the Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) outbreak? Was Professor SUNG in a command role?**
2. **Did Professor Joseph SUNG have a role to play in diverting patients from PWH to Alice Ho Miu Ling Nethersole Hospital (AHNH) and Tai Po Hospital (TPH) during the SARS outbreak? If yes, what was that role?**
3. **Is Professor Peter CAMERON still a member of HA staff? If not, please advise how the Select Committee would be able to contact him.**

- 1 The key responsibilities of the Chief of Service of a clinical department are shown in the attachment. The duties and responsibilities of Professor Joseph Sung is the same as other Chief of Service in the Hospital Authority, and they are no different whether it is during the SARS outbreak or at normal times. Being a Chief of Service, Professor Joseph Sung is a member of the hospital management team and had contributed towards decisions made by the hospital management during the SARS outbreak. He was responsible for directing the clinical and operational activities within the Department of Medicine & Therapeutics at PWH. At the same time, Professor Joseph Sung is also the Cluster Coordinator in Medicine for all hospitals in the New Territories East Cluster (NTEC). In this position, Professor Sung is responsible for coordinating the development and provision of clinical services in all Medicine Departments in NTEC.
- 2 Professor Joseph Sung was party to the decision made in the Cluster SARS meetings. He was a member of the cluster and PWH hospital management.
- 3 Professor Peter Cameron was an employee of the Chinese University of Hong Kong. He was appointed as the Honorary Chief of Service of the PWH Accident & Emergency Department from 15 December 2002 onwards. He resigned from the University and left Hong Kong in July 2003 and is currently staying in Australia. His e-mail address is:
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**Key Responsibilities of the Chief of
Service of a Clinical Department**

1. Develops clinical department operational policies.
2. Assigns responsibilities to clinical department medical staff.
3. Prepares clinical department business plan for submission to Hospital Chief Executive/ Cluster Co-ordinator.
4. Chairs and co-ordinates the activities of the Department Committee(s).
5. Reviews and acts on recommendations from medical staff, the Department Operations Manager and the Department Committee(s) regarding clinical department operations.
6. Plans, monitors and directs operational activity within the clinical department.
7. Co-ordinates the activities of clinical department medical staff and the Department Operations Manager.
8. Co-ordinates clinical department requirements for support services with the Department Managers.
9. Co-ordinates clinical department activities as necessary with the General Manager of Administrative Services.
10. Provides feedback on the management performance and assists in the development of management ability of the department's managers, in line with the Personnel Policies of Hospital Authority.
11. Monitors the quality of patient services.
12. Manages patient complaint relating to the relevant services.