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**Select Committee to inquire into the handling of
the Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome outbreak by
the Government and Hospital Authority**

Areas of study

The Legislative Council has appointed a Select Committee to inquire into the handling of the Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) outbreak by the Government and the Hospital Authority (HA) in order to examine the performance and accountability of the Government and HA and their officers at policy-making and management levels in that regard.

2. The Select Committee has decided that priority will be given to the following areas of study in its inquiry -

- (i) early events : communication between the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) Government with the health authorities in Guangdong Province, handling of the case of Professor LIU (from Guangdong) by Kwong Wah Hospital (KWH) and the outbreak of SARS at Metropole Hotel;
- (ii) SARS outbreaks at Prince of Wales Hospital, Alice Ho Miu Ling Nethersole Hospital and Tai Po Hospital; and
- (iii) SARS outbreaks at Amoy Gardens, United Christian Hospital, Princess Margaret Hospital and Tuen Mun Hospital.

3. The Select Committee has also decided that particular attention will be given to the following issues in studying the above events and outbreaks -

- (i) notification mechanism of infectious diseases between Hong Kong and Guangdong Province;
- (ii) warning to other hospitals resulted from the handling of the case of Professor LIU by KWH;

- (iii) contingency plans of HKSAR Government and HA for dealing with outbreak of infectious diseases;
- (iv) communication between the head office of HA and individual public hospitals;
- (v) legislative measure to add SARS as an infectious disease under the Quarantine and Prevention of Disease Ordinance (Cap. 141);
- (vi) measures to prevent the bringing of SARS into Hong Kong at border control points; and
- (vii) facilities and measures for the protection of healthcare workers, patients in and visitors to hospitals against SARS infection.

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