

**Panel on Welfare Services**

**List of outstanding items for discussion**  
(position as at 15 October 2020)

**Proposed timing  
for discussion**

**Services for elderly**

**1. Updating of the Standardised Care Need Assessment Mechanism for Elderly Services**

Item proposed by Hon SHIU Ka-chun, Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG and Hon Andrew WAN. They have also suggested that deputations should be invited to give views on the subject matter.

To be decided

An information paper provided by the Administration entitled "Updating of the Standardised Care Need Assessment Mechanism for Elderly Services" (LC Paper No. CB(2)1316/19-20(01)) has been issued to members on 7 July 2020.

**2. Care services for elderly persons with special needs**

The Subcommittee on Issues Relating to the Future Development of Elderly Services Schemes formed under the Panel of the Fifth Legislative Council ("the former Panel") had studied, inter alia, care services for elderly persons with special needs. In its report (LC Paper No. CB(2)1902/15-16) the Subcommittee suggested that the Panel should follow up the provision of services by the Administration for elderly persons with chronic diseases, dementia or disabilities as well as elderly persons from ethnic minorities and from sexual minorities.

To be decided

Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki has suggested that welfare for elderly persons living alone should also be discussed.

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**3. Old Age Living Allowance**

Item proposed by Hon Michael TIEN. He would like to discuss enhancement of the Old Age Living Allowance.

To be decided

**4. Progress of the Pilot Scheme on Residential Care Service Voucher for the Elderly**

Item proposed by Hon KWONG Chun-yu and Hon SHIU Ka-chun. They have suggested that relevant deputations should be invited to give views on the subject matter.

To be decided

**5. Progress of the Pilot Scheme on Support for Elderly Persons Discharged from Public Hospitals after Treatment**

Item proposed by Hon KWONG Chun-yu and Hon SHIU Ka-chun.

To be decided

**Welfare services for youth and children**

**6. Provision of social workers in schools**

The Panel has discussed and received public views on "Pilot Scheme on Social Work Service for Pre-primary Institutions" at its special meeting on 22 June 2018. Hon KWONG Chun-yu and Hon SHIU Ka-chun have suggested that the Panel should discuss the provision of social workers in kindergartens.

To be decided

As it is announced in the 2019-2020 Budget that funding will be allocated for increasing the number of school social workers to two per secondary school, Hon KWONG Chun-yu has proposed that the Panel should also discuss the provision of additional social workers for secondary schools. He has suggested that a joint meeting with the Panel on Education ("ED Panel") should be held to discuss the item and representatives of the Education Bureau

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("EDB") should also attend the relevant meeting.

**7. Work progress of the Commission on Children**

Item proposed by Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG (LC Paper No. CB(2)1552/18-19(01)).

To be decided

**8. Welfare measures for facilitating children and youth development**

Item proposed by Hon SHIU Ka-chun.

To be decided

**9. Mental health of children and adolescents and related community support services**

Given that mental health of children and adolescents is a key area of discussion of the Advisory Committee on Mental Health, Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki has suggested that a joint meeting with the Panel on Health Services ("HS Panel") and the ED Panel should be held to discuss issues relating to mental health and related community support services and the work progress of the Advisory Committee. He has also suggested that the Panel should consider holding a joint meeting with the HS Panel to discuss youth suicides and relevant social welfare organizations should be invited to give views thereon.

To be decided

A joint meeting with the HS Panel and the ED Panel was held on 20 December 2017 to discuss "Mental health of adolescents" which covered, inter alia, youth suicides. The Panel and the HS Panel have also discussed "Mental health of children and adolescents" at a joint meeting on 23 April 2018.

Hon KWONG Chun-yu and Hon SHIU Ka-chun have suggested that service arrangements for Integrated Community Centres

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for Mental Wellness arising from extension of the scope of their service to cover all secondary school students should also be discussed under this item.

**10. Welfare issues relating to students with special educational needs**

Item proposed by Hon Alvin YEUNG. He has suggested that the ED Panel should be invited to join the relevant discussion.

To be decided

Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG has suggested that the Panel should hold a joint meeting with the ED Panel to discuss and receive views from relevant deputations/individuals including academics, professional bodies, welfare organizations, parents and students on EDB's tendering arrangements for provision of hearing aids.

**11. Provision of cyber youth support services for reaching out to at-risk and hidden youths through the Internet**

Item proposed by Hon SHIU Ka-chun.

To be decided

**12. Mandatory reporting mechanism for and prevention of child abuse**

Item proposed by Hon KWONG Chun-yu and Hon SHIU Ka-chun. They have also suggested that the Panel should receive public views on the subject matter.

To be decided

The Panel on Administration of Justice and Legal Services ("AJLS Panel") has referred Hon IP Kin-yuen's request for the AJLS Panel to discuss matters relating to Care or Protection Orders under the Protection of Children and Juveniles Ordinance ("PCJO") (Cap. 213) to the Panel for follow-up (LC Paper No. CB(2)643/19-20(01)).

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The Panel has discussed Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG's proposed Member's bill to amend PCJO and the Juvenile Offenders Ordinance (Cap. 226) at its meeting on 9 December 2019. The proposal of establishing a statutory reporting mechanism for child abuse has been discussed at that Panel meeting.

**Women welfare**

- 13. The work of the Women's Commission and the Equal Opportunities Commission in the implementation of Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region**

Item referred by the Panel on Constitutional Affairs ("CA Panel") (LC Paper No. CB(2)232/17-18(01)). CA Panel members will be invited to attend the relevant meeting for discussion of the item.

To be decided

**Support for underprivileged groups with special needs in the community**

- 14. Review of effectiveness of the Working Family Allowance Scheme**

Item proposed by Hon KWONG Chun-yu and Hon SHIU Ka-chun.

To be decided

- 15. Living subsidy programme for households not living in public housing and not receiving Comprehensive Social Security Assistance**

Hon Michael TIEN has suggested that regularization of the captioned programme, which was launched by the Community Care Fund ("CCF") in 2014, 2015 and 2016 should be discussed.

To be decided

The Panel on Home Affairs ("HA Panel") has

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discussed CCF which covered the captioned programme at its meetings on 3 December 2019 and 8 June 2020. Members of the Panel were invited to join the discussion of CCF.

**16. Provision and accreditation of sign language interpretation services**

Item proposed by Hon KWONG Chun-yu and Hon SHIU Ka-chun.

To be decided

**Social welfare planning and administration**

**17. Planning for social welfare policies**

The former Panel has discussed medium and long-term social welfare planning at its meetings on 19 February, 26 March and 8 July 2013. Members suggested that the Panel should discuss with the Administration progress of the subject matter.

To be decided

**18. Amending Social Workers Registration Ordinance (Cap. 505)**

Item proposed by Hon SHIU Ka-chun.

To be decided

**19. Manpower planning for provision of social welfare services**

Item proposed by Hon KWONG Chun-yu and Hon SHIU Ka-chun.

To be decided

**20. Progress of the implementation of the Best Practice Manual among non-governmental organizations receiving Lump Sum Grant Subvention**

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Item proposed by the Administration.

To be decided

**21. Progress of the review on enhancement of the  
Lump Sum Grant Subvention System**

Item proposed by the Administration.

To be decided

Hon KWONG Chun-yu has suggested that the Panel should receive public views on the subject matter.

"Review of effectiveness of Social Welfare Development Fund", which is proposed by Hon SHIU Ka-chun, will be covered under this item.

**22. Progress of purchase of premises for welfare  
uses**

Item proposed by the Administration.

To be decided

**23. Provision of social work services in old  
districts**

Item proposed by Hon KWONG Chun-yu and Hon SHIU Ka-chun. They have suggested that services provided under the Social Welfare Department's Integrated Family Services Centres and Neighbourhood Level Community Development Projects in old districts should be discussed. Representatives from Home Affairs Bureau ("HAB") should be invited to join the relevant discussion.

To be decided

**Others**

**24. Charitable fund-raising activities**

On 6 December 2013, the Law Reform Commission ("LRC") released its report on

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charities, which put forward a number of recommendations including those on monitoring charitable fund-raising activities. HAB has been assigned to co-ordinate inputs from relevant bureaux and departments in formulating the Administration's responses to the report.

The Administration's responses and actions with regard to LRC reports are to be reported to the AJLS Panel. HAB has been reporting progress to LRC which will in turn submit an annual report on the progress of implementation of the recommendations made by LRC to the AJLS Panel.

The monitoring of charitable fund-raising activities was covered in Public Accounts Committee ("PAC") Report No. 68 published in July 2017. A Government Minute, with details of the Government's responses, was tabled at the Legislative Council on 18 October 2017. Progress reports on the subject were submitted to PAC on 26 October 2018, 15 May 2019 and 31 October 2019.

**25. Community development policy**

Item proposed by Hon SHIU Ka-chun.

To be decided

The Panel has discussed and received deputations' views on "Community development policy and services" at its meeting on 11 June 2018.

**26. Review of the Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities**

Item proposed by Hon Michael TIEN.

To be decided

Hon Michael TIEN has suggested that the



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Scheme should be extended to cover red minibuses and non-franchized buses providing residents' services.

**27. Partial tenancy control**

Item proposed by Hon Michael TIEN.

To be decided

Hon Michael TIEN has suggested that the Administration should conduct public consultation on the subject matter.

Two joint meetings of the Panel on Housing and the Panel were held on 4 June and 6 July 2018 to receive public views on tenancy control.

**28. Emergency welfare measures and community services for handling typhoons**

Item proposed by Hon KWONG Chun-yu and Hon SHIU Ka-chun.

To be decided

Hon KWONG Chun-yu has suggested that the item should be discussed at a joint meeting with the HA Panel and relevant deputations should be invited to give views on the subject matter.

The Panel on Security has discussed "Review of the Government's handling of super typhoon" at its meeting on 7 May 2019.

The Panel on Development has discussed "Management of typhoon season flood risk" at its meeting on 26 May 2020.

**29. Welfare support for carers**

Item proposed by Hon KWONG Chun-yu and Hon SHIU Ka-chun. They have suggested that the Panel should receive public views on this item.

To be decided

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