Commission on Poverty Ad Hoc Group on the Elderly in Poverty

Meeting on Thursday, 19 April 2007 at 1430 hrs, in Room 118, East Wing, Central Government Offices

Agenda

1. Matters Arising: Medical needs of elders in need

Members will be updated on a number of proposals raised at the last meeting to address the medical needs of elders in need, including -

- (i) Further improving the medical fee waiver mechanism;
- (ii) Reducing medical fees for elders (proposal by Dr. C.K. Law enclosed);
- (iii) Community care for discharged elderly patients from hospitals (HWFB will make a presentation on the proposal as announced in the Budget 2007 08).

2. Long-term Care and Financial Security during Old Age [CoP EP 1/2007]

Members will be invited to examine the existing policies and measures relating to long-term care for elders and retirement protection, and their relevance to preventing and alleviating poverty among future generations of elders.

3. A.O.B.

Three documents will be circulated to Members for reference —

- Report on Elderly in Poverty by the Legislative Council Subcommittee to Study the Subject of Combating Poverty (to be tabled)
- Study on the Needs of Elderly Scavengers (PowerPoint) by the Hong Kong Council of Social Service (HKCSS); and
- Response of Social Welfare Department to HKCSS on the above Study.

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