

**Minutes of the 9th Meeting of
Community Building Committee
Yau Tsim Mong District Council (2012-2015)**

Date : 13 June 2013 (Thursday)
Time : 2:30 p.m.
Venue : Yau Tsim Mong District Council Conference Room
 4/F., Mong Kok Government Offices
 30 Luen Wan Street
 Mong Kok, Kowloon

Present:

Chairman

Mr WONG Kin-san

Vice-chairman

Mr HUNG Chiu-wah, Derek

District Council Members

Mr CHUNG Kong-mo, JP	Mr HAU Wing-cheong, BBS, MH	Mr LEUNG Wai-kuen, Edward, JP
Ms KO Po-ling, BBS, MH, JP	Mr HUI Tak-leung	Mr WONG Chung, John
Mr CHAN Siu-tong, MH	Mr IP Ngo-tung, Chris	Mr WONG Man-sing, Barry, MH
Mr CHAN Wai-keung	Ms KWAN Sau-ling	Ms WONG Shu-ming
Mr CHOW Chun-fai, BBS, JP	Mr LAU Pak-kei	Mr YEUNG Tsz-hei, Benny

Co-opted Members

Ms LEE See-yin, Leticia	Mr TANG Ho-fung
Mr KO Hiu-wing	Mr LAU Kai-kit, Vincent

Representatives of the Government

Mr CHIU Chung-yan, Charlson	Assistant District Officer (Yau Tsim Mong)	Home Affairs Department
Mr CHEUNG Kam-wai	Senior Community Relations Officer, Regional Office (Kowloon West)	Independent Commission Against Corruption
Ms CHUNG Po-yuk	Senior School Development Officer (Yau Tsim & Mong Kok) 1	Education Bureau
Ms WONG Sau-ling, Vicky	Deputy District Leisure Manager (Yau Tsim Mong) 2	Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Ms CHAN Wai-chun	Assistant District Social Welfare Officer (Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong) 2	Social Welfare Department
Ms SZE Nga-wan, Wendy	Sergeant, Police Community Relations Office (Yau Tsim)	Hong Kong Police Force
Ms KU Lai-wai	Sergeant, Police Community	Hong Kong Police Force

Relations Office (Mong Kok)

Secretary

Ms WONG Ka-wing, Glorious	Executive Officer I (District Council), Yau Tsim Mong District Office	Home Affairs Department
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In Attendance:

Dr Jaime SIN	Senior Medical and Health Officer (Community Liaison) 2	Department of Health
Mr YIP Chi-kwai, Tom	Senior Town Planner/Yau Tsim Mong	Planning Department
Dr LAM Ho-fai, Lubanski	Assistant Professor	Enterprise and Social Development Research Centre, Hong Kong Shue Yan University
Ms HO Siu-ping, Betty, JP	District Officer (Yau Tsim Mong)	Home Affairs Department

Absent:

Mr SIU Hong-ping	Co-opted Member
Mr KONG Pui-wai	Co-opted Member
Mr CHIU Sung-bun, Ernest	Co-opted Member

Opening Remarks

The Chairman welcomed Members and representatives from government departments to the meeting of the Community Building Committee (“CBC”). He reported that Ms CHUNG Po-yuk, Senior School Development Officer (Yau Tsim & Mong Kok) 1 of the Education Bureau attended the meeting on behalf of Mrs LING SO Ka-lan, Jacqueline and Ms CHAN Wai-chun, Assistant District Social Welfare Officer (Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong) 2 stood in for Ms WONG Yin-yee at the meeting. Moreover, Ms Sze Nga-wan, Wendy, Sergeant of the Police Community Relations Office (Yau Tsim) and Ms KU Lai-wai, Sergeant of the Police Community Relations Office (Mong Kok) attended the meeting on behalf of Mr Mohammed Munir KHAN and Ms MA Yee-ling respectively. He further reported that Mr SIU Hong-ping, Mr KONG Pui-wai and Mr Ernest CHIU were absent due to other commitments.

Item 1: Confirmation of Minutes of Last Meeting

2. The Chairman said that a proposal for amendment from the Vice-chairman, Ms KO Po-ling and Mr Barry WONG were set out in Annex 1 for Members’ reference.
3. The minutes of the last meeting were confirmed with amendments.

Item 2: Matter Arising:

**(i) Request for Provision of Self-study Rooms in Tai Kok Tsui
(YTMCBC Paper No. 19/2013)**

4. The Chairman said that the written response of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (“LCSD”) (Annex 2) had been distributed to Members for perusal before the meeting. He then welcomed Ms Vicky WONG, Deputy District Leisure Manager (Yau Tsim Mong) 2 of the LCSD and Ms CHUNG Po-yuk, Senior School Development Officer (Yau Tsim & Mong Kok) 1 of the Education Bureau (“EDB”) to the meeting.

5. Mr LAU Pak-kei thanked staff of the EDB and Libraries Section of the LCSD for accompanying the Chairman, Ms KO Po-ling, Mr Benjamin CHOI, Mr John WONG and himself in visiting the Tai Kok Tsui Municipal Services Building (“TKTMSB”) on 29 May 2013. He was glad to know from the written reply of the LCSD that it planned to open the meeting room on the 6th floor of the TKTMSB as a provisional self-study room from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. from April to June next year and wanted to know the detailed arrangements.

6. Ms Vicky WONG responded that detailed arrangements of opening the above-mentioned provisional self-study room was still subject to LCSD’s internal approval.

7. Mr LAU Pak-kei said that Members had to promote self-study facilities and services in the district to local students and other members of the community. He hoped that the LCSD could reply in writing as soon as possible whether the provision of the above-mentioned self-study room services would be implemented.

8. Ms KO Po-ling said that during the visit of the TKTMSB on 29 May 2013, staff of the LCSD had said that the suggestion of converting the meeting room on the 6th floor to a self-study room was feasible but at that time the department had not given any concrete replies over details such as the opening hours of the self-study room, the number of seats, whether it was necessary to recruit caretakers and prepare user guide. She hoped that the LCSD could give a clear reply such that members of the public could learn about the relevant arrangements as soon as possible.

9. The Chairman said that the relevant arrangements would only be implemented from April to June of 2014 to allow the department sufficient time for preparation.

10. Ms Vicky WONG responded that the LCSD planned to open the meeting room on the 6th floor of the TKTMSB as a provisional self-study room with 14 seats from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. daily from April to June of 2014. The LCSD would prepare a user guide for this purpose and it would report to Members again after detailed arrangements had been confirmed.

11. Ms KO Po-ling recalled that on the day of visit of the TKTMSB, staff of the LCSD said that the provisional self-study room would be open at night and the arrangement would be reviewed one month after implementation to consider whether morning sessions would be added.

12. Ms Vicky WONG responded that the LCSD would review the usage rate of the self-study room in April as well as views of local residents and Councillors to consider whether morning sessions would be added.

13. Mr LAU Pak-kei hoped that the LCSD could report the detailed arrangements for the opening of the above-mentioned provisional self-study room at the CBC meeting scheduled for 25 July or 17 October 2013.

14. Mr CHUNG Kong-mo urged the LCSD to confirm detailed arrangements for the opening of the provisional self-study room as soon as possible so that publicity work among local schools could be carried out.

15. Ms Vicky WONG responded that the LCSD would report detailed arrangements for the opening of the provisional self-study room in TKTMSB at the CBC meeting on 25 July or 17 October 2013 upon completion of all internal procedures.

16. There being no further comments, the Chairman closed the discussion on this item.

Item 2: Matter Arising:

**(ii) Urging Commission on Poverty to Relax Eligibility Criteria
for Community Care Fund Dental Assistance Programme
(YTMCBC Paper No. 23/2013)**

17. The Chairman said that the joint written response of the Secretariat to the Commission on Poverty (“CoP”) and the Community Care Fund (“CCF”) Secretariat (Annex 3) had been laid on the table for Members’ reference.

18. Ms WONG Shu-ming said that she was deeply regretted and dissatisfied that the CoP and CCF still refused to send representatives to attend CBC meeting. She pointed out that the CoP was responsible for formulating poverty alleviation policies of Hong Kong and the CCF was given a substantial capital injection from the Government for poverty alleviation work. However, both of them were unwilling to listen to the views of the council on poverty alleviation policies and it was indeed irresponsible for them to do so. She requested writing to the Chief Executive in the name of the CBC to express Members’ dissatisfaction.

19. Mr HUI Tak-leung also criticised the CoP and CCF for refusing to attend meetings of Yau Tsim Mong District Council (“YTMDC”) or its committees. He proposed continuing the discussion of this item on the 10th CBC meeting on 25 July 2013. If the CoP and CCF refused to attend the meeting again, he would submit a paper at the 12th meeting of the YTMDC on 22 August 2013 to strongly denounce the authorities concerned.

20. The Chairman asked Members whether they agreed to write to the Chief Executive in the name of the CBC to express their dissatisfaction with the CoP and CCF or to continue the discussion on this item at the next meeting.

21. Ms KWAN Sau-ling agreed to write to the Chief Executive in the name of the CBC to express Members’ dissatisfaction with the CoP and CCF for disregarding public opinion.

22. Ms WONG Shu-ming said that she had agreed with Mr HUI Tak-leung that if the CoP and CCF refused to attend the CBC meeting on 25 July 2013 again, they would submit a paper at the YTMDC meeting on 22 August 2013 to denounce the two authorities. She further said that the CBC should write to the Chief Executive to request for concerns over the matter.

23. Mr HUI Tak-leung opined that it was necessary to inform the Chief Executive that the authorities concerned had refused to send representatives to attend CBC meetings for several times. He further said that the CoP and CCF should send representatives to attend CBC meetings to communicate with Members over the Elderly Dental Assistance Programme. Thus he also agreed to continue the discussion on this item at the next meeting.

24. Mr CHUNG Kong-mo said that he agreed to write to the Chief Executive to urge the CoP and CCF to send representatives to attend CBC meetings. If they still refused to do so, he agreed that Members should submit a paper at the YTMDC meeting on 22 August 2013 to denounce the authorities concerned.

25. The Chairman asked Members if they agreed to write to the Chief Executive in the name of the CBC and continue the discussion on this item at the next meeting, there was no objection. He then announced that the CBC would write to the Chief Executive to urge the CoP and CCF to send representatives to attend the next CBC meeting to continue the discussion on this item.

(Post-meeting note: On 20 June 2013, the CBC wrote to the Chief Executive (Annex 4) to express Members' demands.)

Item 3: Financial Position of Yau Tsim Mong District Council Funds as at 31 May 2013
(YTMCBC Paper No. 24/2013)

26. Members noted the financial position of YTMDC Community Involvement Funds as at 31 May 2013.

(Mr Vincent LAU joined the meeting at 3:05 p.m.)

Item 4: Concern over Progress of Setting up a Community Health Centre at Former Site of Mong Kok Market
(YTMCBC Paper No. 28/2013)

27. The Chairman welcomed Dr Jaime SIN, Senior Medical and Health Officer (Community Liaison) 2 of the Department of Health ("DH") and Mr Tom YIP, Senior Town Planner/Yau Tsim Mong of the Planning Department ("PlanD") to the meeting.

28. Ms WONG Shu-ming supplemented the contents of the paper. She wanted to know the progress and planning details of setting up a community health centre at the former site of Mong Kok Market.

29. Mr HUI Tak-leung said he learnt that the former site of Mong Kok Market had been included in the Application List but still it was not triggered for sale. He wanted to know how the Government would handle the site and asked what kind of services would be provided in the proposed community health centre.

30. Mr Tom YIP responded that the PlanD had proposed rezoning the former site of Mong Kok Market for commercial development, in which floor areas of 4 500 square metres would be reserved for setting up a community health centre. The plan had been agreed by the Town Planning Board ("TPB") and the amended Mong Kok Outline Zoning Plan ("OZP")

was published in the Gazette in 2012. However, some people had applied for judicial review. Although the content of the judicial review was not related to the development of the former site of Mong Kok Market, at present, the Government could not submit the OZP to the Chief Executive in Council for vetting as legal proceedings were in progress. The Government could put up the former site of Mong Kok Market for sale and redevelopment only after the legal processes were completed and the Chief Executive in Council had approved the OZP.

(Mr Barry WONG joined the meeting at 3:30 p.m.)

(Mr LAU Pak-kei left the meeting at 3:30 p.m.)

31. The Chairman wanted to know the details of the judicial review.

32. Mr Tom YIP said that the court had received two applications for judicial review on the Mong Kok OZP. One of the applications was lodged by the Real Estate Developers Association requesting for withdrawal of the OZP. The case was heard in February 2013 and now pending for judgement. Another case involved an owner of a construction site located in Kok Cheung Street in Tai Kok Tsui who lodged a judicial review in dissatisfaction with the height restriction imposed by the OZP on structures in his/her site. The case was ruled against the applicant in September 2012. But the applicant had lodged an appeal to the Court of Appeal of the High Court and a hearing date had not yet been fixed. Having regard to the above two judicial review cases, the High Court had ordered that the TPB could submit the OZP to the Chief Executive in Council only after the completion of the legal procedures. The Government could sell the land to commence the redevelopment project at the former Mong Kok Market only after the OZP was approved.

(Mr KO Hiu-wing left the meeting at 3:45 p.m.)

33. Dr Jaime SIN responded that the population in the Yau Tsim Mong District (“YTM District”) had grown continuously, with a high proportion of elderly. It was expected that the demand of medical service in the district would rise with the change of population structure. To meet the medical needs of the district, the DH suggested setting up a community health centre at the former site of Mong Kok Market. Apart from out-patient consultation service, the centre also provided multi-disciplinary service managed by nurses and/or allied health professionals, supporting treatments for chronic diseases in a more coordinating and ongoing manner. We also hoped to hold activities with voluntary organisations for enhancing patients’ health to promote and train patients on the management and consciousness of self-perceived health. In addition, as affected by the construction works of Central Kowloon Route, the maternal and child health centre presently located in Yaumatei Specialist Clinic and the elderly health centre in Yau Ma Tei Jockey Club Polyclinic would be permanently relocated to the proposed community health centre.

34. Mr HUI Tak-leung asked whether the TPB could first submit part of the OZP which did not involve in the judicial review cases to the Chief Executive in Council for approval in order not to affect the construction progress of the community health centre. He also criticised that some members of the public used the judicial review process to stop the Government from providing public services and social facilities.

35. Ms WONG Shu-ming was dissatisfied that the Government had delayed the development of the former site of Mong Kok Market due to two judicial review cases that were not related to the site development. She therefore requested the Government to take

active action to facilitate the implementation of the redevelopment project. In addition, she criticised the DH for neglecting Members' repeated requests for the provision of dental service in the new community health centre.

36. Mr CHAN Wai-keung asked the PlanD when the above judicial review cases would be completed. He said that the former site of Mong Kok Market was rezoned from Government, Institution and Community (GIC) use for commercial development. He asked whether the Government would consider rezoning the site back to GIC use for building a community health centre immediately. He also asked the DH why it did not mention its plan of reprovisioning the current medical services at the new community health centre when it consulted the YTMDC on the proposed services to be provided in the centre.

37. Mr CHUNG Kong-mo opined that the Government should consider handling the planning of the former site of Mong Kok Market and the Mong Kok OZP separately. He continued that the PlanD would submit application to the TPB for rezoning the former site of Soy Street Temporary Cooked Food Market to residential use and he wanted to know whether the current OZP had included the new development use of this site and the former site of Mong Kok Market. He emphasised that Members had repeatedly requested for additional medical services in the new community health centre, instead of providing services that were available at present.

38. The Chairman said that as the former Mong Kok Market had been closed for a long time, he suggested the Government consider demolishing the market first.

39. Mr Tom YIP responded as follows:

- (a) He could not estimate the actual completion time of the above two judicial review cases.
- (b) The PlanD had considered processing separately different planning proposals under the OZP. However, it involved complicated legal issues. The applicant of the judicial review might take further legal actions on the ground that the Government had submitted the OZP that was still under legal proceedings to the Chief Executive in Council for vetting. Therefore, it was considerably difficult to separate the handling of different planning proposals under the OZP.
- (c) The rezoning of the former site of Soy Street Temporary Cooked Food Market to residential use was still in the stage of plan publication. The statutory planning procedure was expected to be completed after nine months to one year. The adjudication of the two judicial review cases might have further development at that time.
- (d) In general, it was stipulated in land sale conditions that developers were responsible for the demolition of the existing structures at the site. He would explore with the Lands Department on the Chairman's suggestion of demolishing the structures at the former site of Mong Kok Market first.

40. Dr Jaime SIN responded as follows:

- (a) On behalf of the DH, she had attended the YTMDC meeting held on 9 September 2011 and the CBC meeting held on 16 February 2012. She then conveyed Members' views expressed at the meetings to the departments concerned, including their request for the provision of dental service in the new community health centre.
- (b) As far as she knew, apart from being a permanent relocation site of the maternal and child health centre presently located in Yaumatei Specialist Clinic and the elderly health centre in Yau Ma Tei Jockey Club Polyclinic, the proposed community health centre would also provide out-patient consultation service and multi-disciplinary service managed by nurses and/or allied health professionals. It was hoped that the centre would also cooperate with voluntary organisations to hold training and activities that enhanced patients' health to promote consciousness of self-perceived health.

41. Ms WONG Shu-ming said that as some people had applied for a judicial review on the Mong Kok OZP, the redevelopment project of the former site of Mong Kong Market could not commence as scheduled. She requested the PlanD to consider shelving the rezoning of the GIC land for commercial development so that a community health centre could be built on the site immediately. She reiterated that Councillors had repeatedly expressed their views on the services provided in the new community health centre to the representatives of the DH. But the DH had neglected their requests and she expressed grave dissatisfaction with such response.

42. Ms KO Po-ling asked the PlanD whether it was technically feasible to shelve the rezoning of the former site of Mong Kok Market for commercial use. In addition, she wanted to know details of the provision of services to chronic patients in the new community health centre as mentioned by the representative of the DH.

43. Mr HAU Wing-cheong urged the PlanD to handle the rezoning of the former site of Mong Kok Market independently to prevent the construction project of the community health centre being affected by the judicial review cases.

44. The Vice-chairman said that the former site of Mong Kok Market covered an area of about 1 240 square metres. The floor area of the proposed community health centre was 4 500 square metres which accounted for about 40% of the floor area of the entire redevelopment project. The remaining 60% was for commercial development. He asked the PlanD whether such development requirements were sufficient to attract developers to redevelop the site. He also requested the PlanD to clarify whether the TPB had agreed to rezone the former site of Mong Kok Market from GIC use to a comprehensive development which included a commercial building and a community health centre. In addition, he wanted to confirm whether the two judicial review cases involving the Mong Kok OZP were not related to the planning use of the former site of Mong Kok Market.

45. Mr HUI Tak-leung reiterated that he requested the PlanD to consider shelving the rezoning of the former site of Mong Kok Market for commercial use. He also requested that the Government should take the lead to build a community health centre at the site to meet the community's need. In addition, he agreed with the Chairman that the Government should first demolish the former Mong Kok Market.

46. Mr Edward LEUNG said that the YTMDC and the community did not request to rezone the former site of Mong Kok Market for commercial development but had long been hoping for a community health centre at the site. He hoped that the Government could play a leading role in building a community health centre and other community facilities at the site.

47. Mr Tom YIP responded as follows:

- (a) It was not infeasible to rezone the land back to GIC use after it was once rezoned for commercial use but it involved a re-amendment of the OZP and the publication of such amendment, and the proposal had to be eventually approved by the Chief Executive in Council. In addition, rezoning a commercial land to a GIC land might also arouse opposition from other people. Therefore, it might not be able to submit the OZP to the Chief Executive in Council for consideration before the completion of any judicial review.
- (b) The Mong Kok OZP had to be approved by the Chief Executive in Council before the implementation of the relevant planning proposals.
- (c) The former site of Mong Kok Market covered an area of about 1 240 square metres with a plot ratio of 9. The total floor area of the entire project was 11 660 square metres, in which 4 500 square metres (about 40% of the floor area) would be used for setting up a community health centre. Considering that 60% of floor area of the entire project could be used for commercial development, the PlanD then suggested such development proposal.

48. Dr Jaime SIN responded as follows:

- (a) The multi-disciplinary service in the proposal aimed at supporting treatments for chronic diseases, such as diabetes and high blood pressure, in a more coordinating and ongoing manner.
- (b) Apart from being a permanent relocation site of the maternal and child health centre and the elderly health centre, the proposed community health centre would also provide out-patient consultation service and multi-disciplinary service. Voluntary organisations could hold training and activities for patients to enhance their management of self-perceived health in the centre.

49. Ms WONG Shu-ming criticised the Government for inadequate consideration which caused delay to the Mong Kok Market Redevelopment Project due to legal proceedings. She stated that she would submit a paper with other Members to urge the Government to take lead in the redevelopment and revert the site to GIC use.

50. There being no further comments, the Chairman closed the discussion on this item.

Item 5: Concern over High Depression Rate among Women in YTM District (YTMCBC Paper No. 29/2013)

51. The Chairman said that the written responses of the DH and Social Welfare Department (“SWD”) (Annexes 5 and 6) had been distributed to Members for perusal before the meeting. He then welcomed the following representatives to the meeting:

- (i) Dr Jaime SIN, Senior Medical and Health Officer (Community Liaison) 2 of the DH;
- (ii) Ms CHAN Wai-chun, Assistant District Social Welfare Officer (Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong) 2 of the SWD; and
- (iii) Dr Lubanski LAM, Assistant Professor of the Enterprise and Social Development Research Centre, Hong Kong Shue Yan University.

52. The Chairman supplemented the contents of the paper. He said that the research report of the study on stress sources of and mental health of women in YTM District, which was commissioned by the Working Group on Women's Affairs of the YTMDC to the Enterprise and Social Development Research Centre, Hong Kong Shue Yan University, had been released. The findings of the survey indicated that depression was more common among women living in subdivided flats and postnatal working mothers. He wanted to know what measures, in terms of housing policies and social welfare, the Government had in place to assist women suffering from depression.

53. Ms WONG Shu-ming asked representatives from government departments at the meeting whether they had gone through the above mentioned research report and whether the DH and SWD would formulate relevant policies with reference to the data in the report.

54. Dr Jaime SIN responded as follows:

- (a) The DH had all along been concerned about the mental health of Hong Kong people. The Surveillance & Epidemiology Branch under the Centre for Health Protection had established a Behaviour Risk Factor Surveillance System, in which information on health-related behaviours of Hong Kong adult population was collected through systematic telephone surveys conducted on regular basis, including information about mental health.
- (b) In the Behaviour Risk Factor Survey conducted in 2011, the DH found that 5.3% of adult population aged between 18 and 64 suffered from severe mental distress, among those 52% of them were women. Severe mental distress was more prevalent among respondents with monthly household income below \$8,000 and in divorced, separated or widowed respondents. Moreover, respondents with chronic diseases and poorer self-rated health status were more likely to be categorised as suffering from severe mental distress. Respondents with less time for sports after work or school and with less social support were also more likely be categorised as suffering from severe mental distress.
- (c) In order to collect the health information of the Hong Kong population in a more comprehensive way, including information of mental health, the DH would conduct a Population Health Survey in 2013/14. Information collected would include mental distress, subjective well-being, sleeping habits, social support, quality of life and information of various demographic characteristics. This would help the Government understand the status of mental health and needs of the local population for formulating policies which improved the mental wellness of the public.

- (d) Concerning family health services, the DH would provide comprehensive health promotion and disease prevention services to children from birth to age of 5 and women below the age of 64 through 31 maternal and child health centres and 3 women health centres. The Elderly Health Service of the DH also provided mental health promotion services for women.
- (e) Moreover, the DH had enhanced public awareness of the mental wellness of the elderly through various channels.

55. Ms CHAN Wai-chun responded as follows:

- (a) The maternal and child health centres identified women with antenatal and postnatal depression through the Comprehensive Child Development Service so that early services could be provided to women and families in need. In the YTM district, the Yaumatei Maternal & Child Health Centre started providing such service from September 2012. Doctors would refer needy cases to the Integrated Family Service Centre (“IFSC”) for follow-up actions.
- (b) Women suffering from emotional distress could seek help from IFSC and social workers would provide appropriate support to them, including referring cases to receive clinical psychological services.
- (c) If women suffering from mental distress had housing problems, the SWD would recommend them to the Housing Department (“HD”) for allocation of public rental housing on compassionate grounds upon the support of a doctor.

56. Dr Lubanski LAM responded as follows:

- (a) The depression rate of women was higher than men.
- (b) About 10% of Hong Kong population suffered from mild to severe depression. The categories with the most severe depression among women, in the order of seriousness, were unemployed women, women with full time employment, women with part time employment, housewives and retired women.
- (c) The research report pointed out that over 85% of women interviewed had not used local community facilities/services before. He suggested that the Government provide community facilities/services to local women in a proactive manner.

57. Mr Barry WONG said that the mental wellness of men was equally important. He then said that no land had been allocated by the department to set up an Integrated Community Centre for Mental Wellness (“ICCMW”) in the district yet and hoped the SWD could help take the matter forward. Moreover, he asked whether the DH had stipulated the duration for consultations and follow-up consultations for psychiatric patients.

58. Mr Edward LEUNG hoped that the Government could improve the housing problem of Hong Kong people, thereby improving the mental wellness of the public. Moreover, he was doubtful about the effectiveness of recommending residents living in subdivided flats by the SWD to the HD for allocation of public rental housing on compassionate grounds.

59. Ms KWAN Sau-ling opined that family members, friends, the Government and the society shared the responsibility of providing support to people with mental health problems.

(Mr Benny YEUNG joined the meeting at 4:20 p.m.)

(Mr Edward LEUNG left the meeting at 4:20 p.m.)

60. Ms WONG Shu-ming asked representatives from government departments at the meeting again whether they had gone through the above mentioned research report. She pointed out that the Government should take greater care of the different needs of various districts when formulating policies. For example, the Government should strengthen child care services in the YTM district and outreaching services should give more regard to the situation of residents who were living in subdivided flats in the district. She also said that the Government should promote the development of women's affairs with reference to the Hong Kong Women's Development Goals released by the Women's Commission.

61. Ms KO Po-ling said that the research report prepared by academics commissioned by the Working Group on Women's Affairs could raise questions in response to the situation. She hoped that the Government could make appropriate policy adjustment by referring to the data of the report. She further said that unemployed women and dual-income families were not offered sufficient support in the community. She hoped that a mental health centre could be set up in the district as soon as possible and opined that strengthening of the social support network was essential in improving the mental health of women.

62. Mr CHAN Siu-tong opined that the situation in which men suffering from depression was also very common. Moreover, not only people with financial difficulties might suffer from depression.

63. Mr CHAN Wai-keung said that both environmental factors and hereditary factors could lead to depression. He hoped that the department could hire more psychiatrists and public hospitals could provide psychiatric medicine with fewer side effects to patients in need.

64. Mr HAU Wing-cheong said that most of the psychiatric patients and their family members were unwilling to consult a doctor and were afraid to be labelled. Thus he hoped that the Government could help those with mental health problems proactively by strengthening outreaching services.

65. Mr Benny YEUNG said that there were now more and more people suffering from depression but they might not be willing to seek help voluntarily. Thus outreaching services should be provided to render assistance to those in need. He then said that the waiting time was too long for psychiatric services in public hospitals and hoped that the DH could reflect to the Government the situation concerned. He also suggested that the Government procure external professional services to shorten the waiting time for psychiatric patients.

66. Mr HUI Tak-leung asked the SWD if it would make adjustment to the related services with reference to the data in the above mentioned research report and requested the SWD to provide figures on cases requesting for psychiatric assistance in the district. He also said that, for the time being, the SWD had yet to identify a suitable location in the YTM District for non-governmental organisations ("NGOs") to operate an ICCMW. Moreover, he

requested the DH to provide the number of cases requesting for psychiatric assistance in the district.

67. Ms CHAN Wai-chun responded as follows:

- (a) In the YTM District, the ICCMW under the New Life Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association was responsible for following up cases of psychiatric patients, promoting mental health and identifying suspected psychiatric patients to facilitate early access of appropriate medical services by the persons concerned. Moreover, social workers of IFSC would provide counselling services to people suffering from emotional distress and serious cases would be followed up by psychiatrists. In the YTM District, the psychiatric division of the Kowloon Hospital could provide comprehensive psychiatric services.
- (b) She had gone through the whole research report after its release in March 2013 and had sent a copy to the SWD headquarters for reference.
- (c) In response to the questions raised by Mr HUI Tak-leung, she said that she could not provide figures on cases requesting for psychiatric assistance at the moment. She supplemented that the SWD was very concerned about the mental health of the public. As for the YTM District, the District Social Welfare Officer (Kowloon City/Yau Tsim Mong) and the head of the psychiatric division of the Kowloon Hospital would meet regularly. Psychiatrists of the Kowloon Hospital, medical social workers of the SWD, the Police and representatives of NGOs would also take part in the meeting to discuss local mental health issues together. Representatives attending the meeting would review the situation of psychiatric patients in the district and discuss publicity work for mental wellness in the community.
- (d) The IFSC of the SWD and the ICCMW under the New Life Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association would organise activities to provide outreaching services for those in need so as to identify hidden psychiatric patients early and encourage them to seek help as soon as possible.
- (e) The SWD was still working hard to identify a suitable location for housing the ICCMW in the district.

68. Dr Jaime SIN responded as follows:

- (a) Through the Behaviour Risk Factor Surveillance System of the Surveillance & Epidemiology Branch under the Centre for Health Protection, the DH conducted systematic telephone surveys periodically to collect information on health-related behaviours of Hong Kong adult population, including information of mental health.
- (b) The DH would conduct a Population Health Survey in 2013/14 to collect mental health information of Hong Kong people to facilitate the Government's understanding of mental health conditions and needs of the local population for

formulating policies that promoted mental health to improve mental wellness of the public.

- (c) The psychiatric division was a specialty under the scope of the Hospital Authority. She would reflect Councillor' views on the psychiatric division to the Authority.

(Mr CHOW Chun-fai left the meeting at 4:45 p.m.)

69. Dr Lubanski LAM pointed out the mental distress suffered by interviewed women in the report had not yet reached the level suffered by psychiatric patients while the measures mentioned by the DH and SWD at the meeting targeted psychiatric patients. He opined that strengthening of community support network would be the fundamental solution.

70. There being no further comments, the Chairman closed the discussion on this item.

Item 6: Any Other Business

(i) Special District Programmes

71. The Chairman said that at the 10th YTMDC meeting held on 25 April 2013, Councillors endorsed to increase the number of special district programmes subsidised by the YTMDC to three. The maximum amount of sponsorship for each programme was \$200,000. According to the 2012 vetting criteria for funding applications for special district programmes by the CBC, only organisations meeting the following criteria would be eligible for funding: (i) The registered address of the organisation should be in YTM District; (ii) The organisation should not be a political party or a political organisation; (iii) The organisation had experience in organising large-scale district activities; (iv) The primary target groups of the organisation should be people who live, work or study in YTM District; and (v) The proposed activity should be able to promote the characteristics of YTM District. He asked Members whether they agreed to follow the aforesaid criteria.

72. Mr CHAN Siu-tong agreed to the continuous adoption of the above criteria.

73. Mr Barry WONG said that the YTMDC should follow the aforesaid criteria unless the Committee or the Secretariat had received other views.

74. The Chairman said that according to the practice in 2012, the Secretariat posted an invitation letter on the YTMDC website to invite funding applications from district groups for organising special district programmes. Members could also invite, on their own, district groups to apply for such funds. After the submission deadline, the Working Group on Community Funds ("the Working Group") convened a special meeting for examining the funding applications. Recommended applications were then be submitted to the YTMDC for endorsement and approval. He asked Members whether they agreed to follow the practice in 2012.

75. Mr HUI Tak-leung opined that the practice in 2012 should be continuously adopted. He also said that there was no need for the Secretariat to invite individual district groups to apply for funds.

76. Mr CHAN Siu-tong said that the last year's practice had worked well and effectively, therefore it should be followed.

77. Mr Barry WONG also opined that there was no need for the YTMDC to invite funding applications from district groups individually or widely for organising special district programmes. Interested organisations could access the website of the YTMDC for relevant information.

78. The Chairman briefed Members on the vetting procedures for last year's funding applications for special district programmes. In 2012, as the application schedule failed to tie in with CBC's meeting session, at that time, the Working Group initiated the vetting procedures by convening a special meeting. After the preliminary screening of funding applications, recommended applications were submitted directly to the YTMDC for endorsement and approval. He said that Members could also consider another approach whereby the Working Group would convene a special meeting. After the preliminary screening of funding applications, applications would be submitted to the CBC for examination. The CBC would then recommend applications to the YTMDC for consideration and approval. He invited Members to discuss which approach should be adopted.

79. Mr CHUNG Kong-mo opined that posting the invitation letter onto the website of the YTMDC was open and fair. He had an open mind on the above two vetting procedures for funding applications and wanted to know the funding application schedule of this year for consideration.

80. Ms KO Po-ling enquired about the funding application schedule for special district programmes in 2012.

81. Mr HUI Tak-leung recalled that in 2012, the funding application schedule for special district programmes failed to tie in with the meeting dates of the Working Group. Therefore, without the preliminary screening by the Working Group, the CBC directly recommended funding applications to the YTMDC for consideration.

82. The Chairman clarified that the Working Group had convened a special meeting for examining funding applications for special district programmes in 2012. The applications had then been submitted to the YTMDC for approval. At that time, the CBC had not vetted the applications.

83. The Secretary supplemented that in 2012, the Working Group had convened a special meeting for examining funding applications for special district programmes. The applications had then been submitted to the YTMDC for approval. She further said that the CBC had not vetted the applications as the funding application schedule for special district programmes failed to tie in with meeting sessions of the CBC.

84. Mr CHUNG Kong-mo said that it took time for district groups to plan special district programmes. Organisations had to submit receipts to the Secretariat for verification within two months after completion of activities or on or before 1 March 2014 so as to claim the funds. Hence, the Committee could consider a more flexible approach to handle the applications, i.e. having the Working Group to convene a special meeting for preliminary screening of applications. Recommended applications would be submitted directly to the YTMDC for endorsement and approval.

85. The Chairman said that the next meeting of the CBC would be held on 25 July 2013 while the next YTMDC meeting would be held on 22 August 2013. He asked Members whether they agreed to examine funding applications for special district programmes at the above two meetings and whether they agreed to set the funding application period as two weeks.

86. Mr CHAN Siu-tong wanted to know the funding application period for special district programmes in 2012.

87. The Secretary responded that in 2012 district groups had to submit their funding applications within two weeks.

88. The Chairman asked Members whether they agreed that: 1) the closing date for funding applications for special district programmes would be set on 1 August 2013; 2) the Secretariat would post the invitation letter onto the website of the YTMDC two weeks before the closing date for application; and 3) the Working Group would convene a special meeting for preliminary screening of applications. Recommended applications would then be submitted to the YTMDC meeting on 22 August 2013 for endorsement and approval.

89. There being no further comments, the Chairman closed the discussion on this item.

(Post-meeting note: The Secretariat posted the invitation letter for district group applications for special district programmes onto the website of the YTMDC on 19 July 2013. The closing date was 1 August 2013.)

(ii) Handling of Questionable Invoices by YTMDC

90. The Chairman said that the CBC would proceed with the discussion on handling of questionable receipts by the YTMDC. He reminded Members to fill in the Declaration of Interests form on the table if necessary.

(Mr Chris IP joined the meeting at 5:05 p.m.)

91. The Secretary reported as follows:

- (a) In March 2012, the Secretariat found that a district group had submitted dubious receipts for four activities subsidised by the YTMDC funds in the year 2011-2012. The case was then referred to the Police for investigation. According to paragraph 6.17(a) of the Guidelines on Yau Tsim Mong District Council Funds (“the Guidelines”), the Secretariat had immediately suspended the processing of applications for reimbursement of funds for the four activities concerned and advance payment for subsequent activities to be held by the organisation.
- (b) After investigation, the Police notified the Secretariat recently that those receipts were questionable. However, the Police did not charge any person.
- (c) Regarding the case, the Secretariat had checked the Guidelines and records

of YTMDC's previous practices on handling similar cases. According to the records, another district group had obtained funding approval and advance payment from the YTMDC to organise activities in the year 2006-2007. Later, the Secretariat found that the receipts submitted by the organisation were questionable. Meanwhile, the organisation had also breached a number of provisions set out in the Guidelines, including spending funds on an item that give undue publicity to an individual; the applicant was the paid service provider; failing to declare interests when making procurement of goods and services; and failing to submit photographs of activities. The Secretariat had referred the case to the Police for investigation and suspended the processing of its application for reimbursement of funds. In that case, the Police did not prosecute any person.

- (d) At its 7th meeting held on 5 February 2009, the CBC had discussed how the YTMDC should handle applications for reimbursement of funds stated in paragraph 91(c) above under the item "Any Other Business". After discussion, the CBC endorsed the cancellation of the funding application made by the organisation. Also, through the Secretariat, the CBC recovered from the organisation the advance payment made by the YTMDC and issued a warning letter.
- (e) According to the minutes of the 7th CBC meeting on 5 February 2009, the organisation concerned had breached a number of provisions set out in the Guidelines, including paragraph 1.3, i.e. funds were spent on items that might give undue publicity to an individual. The CBC therefore decided to cancel its application for reimbursement of funds and recover from the organisation the granted advance payment. However, at that time, Members neither had detailed discussion on handling of questionable receipts nor imposed other penalty on the organisation.
- (f) As to the case required to be discussed at this meeting, the organisation concerned had not breached any provision in the Guidelines, except for submission of questionable receipts. Hence, it was inappropriate for the CBC to make direct reference to the handling approach of the case in 2009.
- (g) Paragraph 6.17(b) of the Guidelines stipulated that "Upon conviction of a person for obtaining DC funds by fraud, the organisation in question shall be held fully responsible for any expenditure incurred for the project concerned and must return all the funds granted by DC." As no one was liable to criminal prosecution due to the submission of questionable receipts in this case, paragraph 6.17(b) might not be applicable.
- (h) Based on the above information, the Secretariat suggested Members to consider:
 - i) after deducting the amount claimed for those questionable receipts, the YTMDC should make payment for the remaining claim balance to the organisation; and
 - ii) according to paragraph 5.1(d) of the Guidelines, the organisation's submission of questionable receipts would serve as a reference when the YTMDC decided in future on the funding approval of any

activity made by the organisation and the level of grant to be offered.

92. Mr HUI Tak-leung recalled that an applicant organisation had once breached the Guidelines, therefore the CBC and the Working Group rejected funding applications from that organisation within a specified period of time. In addition, the Working Group had discussed another case at its meeting held on 28 May 2013. Since the applicant organisation involving in the case had breached the Guidelines, the YTMDC decided not to approve its application for reimbursement of funds in relation to an activity held in the year 2012-2013. As the organisation did not return to the YTMDC the granted advance payment for activities held in that year, the YTMDC also rejected the organisation's application for advance payment in relation to another activity in the year 2013-2014. He wanted to know whether the Secretariat had issued any warning letter to that organisation.

93. Mr Barry WONG enquired about the amount involved in those questionable receipts and the amount should be reimbursed in relation to the four activities held by the organisation after deducting the amount involved in those questionable receipts in the case mentioned in paragraph 91(a) above ("this case"). In addition, he wanted to know the relationship between this case and paragraph 5.1(d) of the Guidelines.

94. Mr CHAN Siu-tong wanted to know the name of the organisation involved in this case. He said that it was difficult to understand why the Police did not charge any person in this case, but just pointed out that the receipts were found to be questionable. He hoped that the Secretariat could provide further information for Members' reference.

95. The Secretary responded that the organisation involved in this case was the Mong Kok District Cultural, Recreational and Sports Association Limited ("MKCRA"). A total of 22 receipts were found to be questionable, involving an amount of \$13, 227.

96. Sergeant KU Lai-wai supplemented that in this case, the Police found that the receipts had been tampered with.

97. Mr Barry WONG wanted to know whether the original amount claimed for those 22 questionable receipts was \$13, 277 or the amount stated in the tampered receipts was \$13,227 more than the actual amount.

98. Sergeant KU Lai-wai responded that the amount stated in those 22 tampered receipts was \$13,227 more than the actual amount. The Police had classified this case as fraud. However, as there was no complete record of receipts showing the process of application for reimbursement of funds, the identity of the beneficiary was unknown. Therefore, the Police had not prosecuted any person.

99. The Chairman wanted to know the latest development of this case.

100. Sergeant KU Lai-wai said that the Police had ceased its investigation on this case in January 2013. As for the 22 assistants involved, the Police had taken statements with 9 of them. However, as the MKCRA did not have records of the remaining 13 assistants, the Police could not contact them to assist in the investigation.

101. The Chairman said that the name of the organisation involved in this case had been disclosed. If Members had any interests related to the MKCRA, they should consider the

need of declaring interests.

102. Ms Betty HO supplemented as follows:

- (a) In the past, the CBC had discussed how to handle similar cases under the item “Any Other Business”.
- (b) The Secretariat had reported to the CBC as soon as possible upon receipt of the detailed report of this case from the Police.
- (c) According to records, an applicant organisation had breached the Guidelines and been issued with one or more than one warning letter, therefore the YTMDC had to suspend the processing of funding application from that organisation.
- (d) In this case, the Secretariat suspected that the receipts submitted by the MKCRA were questionable. Therefore, the Secretariat immediately suspended the processing of application for reimbursement of funds in relation to four activities held by that organisation in accordance with paragraph 6.17(a) of the Guidelines.
- (e) As for this case, apart from those questionable receipts, the organisation concerned had not breached other provisions in the Guidelines.
- (f) According to paragraph 5.1(d) of the Guidelines, the YTMDC would consider whether the applicant had a satisfactory performance record in organising past activities before endorsing the funding of an activity and deciding the level of grant. The CBC might consider putting the above issue into record for the Working Group’s reference when vetting future funding applications submitted by the MKCRA.

103. Mr HUI Tak-leung opposed that the YTMDC only rejected reimbursement of the amount under those questionable receipts but still reimbursed the remaining funding to the MKCRA. He opined that it would encourage district groups to submit false instruments to the YTMDC. Therefore, the YTMDC should also reject the funding applications in relation to the four activities submitted by the MKCRA.

104. Mr HAU Wing-cheong said that the case happened in the year 2011-2012 and he had been the Vice-chairman of the MKCRA since April 2012, responsible for the administration work of the organisation. After taking up the position, he was determined to improve the administration, management and personnel of the MKCRA, which had greatly enhanced the transparency of its daily operation. The MKCRA had run different types of projects, such as tutorial class and English class for the general public. He said that the activities and services of the MKCRA had benefited thousands of students and teenagers in Tai Kok Tsui and Mong Kok. He hoped that the YTMDC would not be too harsh when handling MKCRA’s funding application in order not to deter people who devoted money and efforts to the MKCRA.

105. Mr Chris IP opined that MKCRA’s contribution to the community was noticeable. But the YTMDC had to strike a balance among different public interest and should not tolerate any unlawful acts.

106. Mr Barry WONG said that the case happened in the year 2011-12 so it should not be associated with the MKCRA presently led by Mr HAU Wing-cheong. However, the YTMDC had to process applications for reimbursement impartially in accordance with the law. He hoped that Members could concentrate on the discussion of how the YTMDC should handle questionable receipts.

107. Mr CHUNG Kong-mo said that no person was prosecuted in this case by the Police or convicted by the court. In fact, there was no provision in the Guidelines mentioning the situation of this case. Besides, the MKCRA had not been issued two warning letters by the YTMDC in two consecutive phases due to breach of Guidelines provisions, banning it from applying for DC funding applications in the next financial year. He suggested that the Working Group or CBC convene a special meeting as soon as possible to review and amend the relevant provisions in the Guidelines and submit the amendment to the YTMDC and its internal meeting for endorsement so as to plug the loopholes in the provisions.

108. Mr CHAN Wai-keung was dissatisfied that the Police did not initiate any prosecution and recklessly ceased the investigation even though 22 tampered receipts were found.

109. Ms KO Po-ling opined that the YTMDC should not reimburse the amount incurred by those 22 questionable receipts. She pointed out that paragraph 6.17(b) of the Guidelines was referring to circumstances of “upon conviction”. But the Police did not prosecute any person in this case. Therefore, Members should focus on whether the YTMDC should reimburse the remaining amount to the MKCRA after deducting the amount stated in those 22 questionable receipts. In addition, this case involved as many as 22 questionable receipts, it was reasonable for the YTMDC to treat this case as a bad record of the MKCRA. She hoped that this case would not affect the morale of MKCRA’s management team. Instead, they should learn from this case and improve its internal management.

110. Mr Benny YEUNG recalled that when handling similar cases in the past, the YTMDC cancelled all fund allocation to the organisations concerned. Therefore, he agreed with Mr HUI Tak-leung that all the funds allocated to the four activities organised by the MKCRA should be cancelled. He also said that it was impossible for the provisions in the Guidelines to cover all situations so that the YTMDC should decide penalties according to individual circumstances of each case.

111. Mr Barry WONG asked whether all the four activities organised by the MKCRA involved questionable receipts or those 22 questionable receipts were related to only one of the activities. In addition, he wanted to know the total amount of those receipts.

112. Ms KU Lai-wai responded that in November 2011, the Yau Tsim Mong District Office (“YTMDO”) reported to the Police that two of the receipts submitted by the MKCRA in relation to the YTMDC funded activities were suspected to be questionable. On one receipt, the amount was changed from \$4 to \$41 while on the other the amount was even changed from \$98 to \$998. After investigation, the Police identified that there were 24 people involved in this case, including a manager and a financial secretary of the MKCRA. Later on, the Police found that more receipts in this case, a total of 22, were tampered with. The amount of those tampered receipts was \$13,227 more than the original amount. As for the 22 assistants involved, most of them had left the MKCRA. The Police was unable to establish contact with all of them. As for those questionable receipts, the Police had taken statements

with responsible persons of the receipt-issuing company and confirmed that the receipts had been altered. However, as there were loopholes in MKCRA's auditing procedures, the MKCRA was unable to provide information on some of the parties involved, so the Police was unable to contact them. Since there was no evidence to confirm the identity of the beneficiary, the Police decided to cease its investigation on this case in January 2013.

113. The Secretary supplemented that the total allocation for the four activities was \$218,560. The MKCRA had already received an advance payment of \$110,000.

114. Ms Betty HO supplemented as follows:

- (a) The similarity between this case and the case discussed on 5 February 2009 was that both the applicant organisations had submitted questionable receipts to the YTMDC and the Police did not prosecute any persons at the end.
- (b) In the case in 2009, the applicant organisation breached more than one provision in the Guidelines, including paragraph 1.3(b), i.e. funds should not be spent on projects/items that may give undue credit or publicity to an individual, a commercial firm, political party or association. Breaching of such provision was a sufficient ground for the YTMDC to cancel the funding application of the organisation concerned.
- (c) According to the minutes of the CBC meeting on 5 February 2009, though the organisation had submitted questionable receipts, Members had not discussed in detail on how to handle the issue. Therefore, Members might not be able to take the case as direct reference for discussion.
- (d) As for the similar case in 2005, the responsible person of the applicant organisation had been convicted by the court. Therefore, it was not appropriate for Members to make reference to the case for conclusion.
- (e) Having suspected that the receipts were questionable in this case, the Secretariat immediately suspended the processing of the application for reimbursement of funds in relation to four activities organised by the MKCRA according to paragraph 6.17(a) in the Guidelines. The Secretariat also rejected any application for advance payment in relation to other funded activities to be held by the organisation. However, the condition for applying paragraph 6.17(b) of the Guidelines was "upon conviction". As no person was being convicted in this case, it was not appropriate for Members to quote paragraph 6.17(b) in the Guidelines or any other provisions under the existing Guidelines when handling this case.

115. Mr Barry WONG asked whether it was not possible for the YTMDC to request the MKCRA to return the collected advance payment of \$110,000 under the provisions in the Guidelines.

116. Mr CHAN Wai-keung opined that it was unconvincing to hear that the Police failed to contact the 22 assistants as they had already left the organisation.

117. Mr Chris IP considered it ridiculous for the Police to decide to cease investigation on the ground that they failed to contact the 22 ex-serving staff. It was difficult to give the public an explanation.

118. Sergeant KU Lai-wai supplemented that the Police had taken statements with 9 of the 22 part-time assistants. In addition, records of those questionable receipts were incomplete.

119. Mr Benny YEUNG said that this case was very serious and he was dissatisfied that the Police ceased the investigation because it could not contact those ex-serving staff in this case.

120. Sergeant KU Lai-wai supplemented that only company chops and signatures were shown on those questionable receipts but not the names and identity card numbers of the signers. As a result, the Police could not identify the people involved simply with those signatures on the receipts.

121. Mr Benny YEUNG asked the Police why they could not trace the whereabouts of the remaining 13 assistants.

122. Sergeant KU Lai-wai said that the MKCRA did not have detailed records of all the 22 ex-serving assistants. Therefore, the Police could not contact 13 assistants and could not take statements with them.

123. Ms Betty HO said that after the YTMDC had made an advance payment of \$110,000 to the MKCRA, the Secretariat suspected that there were some problems with the receipts and subsequently passed the case to the Police for investigation. The funding application of the organisation was suspended. She continued that under normal circumstances, after the applicant organisation submitted receipts to the YTMDC, the YTMDC should reimburse the amount to the applicant organisation. As for this case, except for those questionable receipts, the YTMDC should reimburse the remaining amount to the MKCRA.

124. Mr Barry WONG said that based on the analysis by the YTMDO, in accordance with the prevailing Guidelines, the YTMDC could not request the MKCRA to return the \$110,000 granted nor refuse to reimburse the payment which was not related to the 22 questionable receipts.

125. Mr HUI Tak-leung asked whether the Police had made any written reply to the YTMDO in relation to the investigation results of this case, and if yes, whether the Police had used wordings such as “fraud”. He opined that if the Police had used such kind of wordings, the YTMDC could cancel funding allocation to the four activities organised by the MKCRA and claim from the organisation for the advance payment made before.

126. Sergeant KU Lai-wai said that the Police had spared no effort to investigate this case. However, as the information kept by the MKCRA was inadequate, the Police was not able to trace the whereabouts of other parties involved in this case.

127. Ms Betty HO responded that the Police had made a written reply to the YTMDO, in which the wordings “questionable receipts” were used and details of the 22 questionable receipts were listed, such as the issuing companies, issuing dates, receipt amount and the total amount involved.

128. Mr HUI Tak-leung said that the representative of the Police said that in this case 22 receipts were tampered with, which was an act of “fraud”. However, the Police only mentioned “questionable receipts” in its written reply to the Secretariat. He opined that the Police had to clarify this point or else it would be difficult for the YTMDC to make decision on how to handle this case.

129. Mr CHAN Siu-tong pointed out that the YTMDC should not reimburse the amount of \$13,227 involving the 22 questionable receipts to the MKCRA. But in this case, as the MKCRA was not convicted of any offence, it was difficult for the YTMDC to claim the granted advance payment from the organisation and refuse to reimburse the remaining amount. He opined that the YTMDC could consider rejecting the funding application of the organisation for a certain period of time in accordance with paragraph 5.1(d) of the Guidelines. He supplemented that in the past the YTMDC refused funding application made by non-compliant organisations for a period of one year.

(Mr Benny YEUNG and Mr TANG Ho-fung left the meeting at 6:00 p.m.)

130. Sergeant KU Lai-wai said that at the beginning the Police investigated this case along the direction of “fraud”, and 22 questionable receipts were found later. However, owing to insufficient evidence, the Police had not prosecuted any person, and had ceased investigation on this case in January 2013. She supplemented that the Police had classified this case as “fraud”.

131. Mr CHAN Wai-keung opined that the word “questionable” could be interpreted as “with question” or “without question actually” at the same time. However, at the meeting, the Police representative had used wordings such as “fraud” and “tampered”, the meanings of them were very different from that of “questionable”. He further said that according to the written reply of the Police, the YTMDC actually could not refuse to reimburse the remaining amount to the MKCRA.

132. Ms Betty HO said that paragraph 6.17(b) of the Guidelines set out wordings such as “upon conviction of a person for obtaining DC funds by fraud” etc., and since no person had been prosecuted by the Police or convicted in this case, paragraph 6.17(b) of the Guidelines was not applicable.

133. Ms WONG Shu-ming said that this case did not involve the situation of “upon conviction”, and if the YTMDC still determined to apply paragraph 6.17(b) of the Guidelines for handling this case, such decision would be really arbitrary. She suggested that the YTMDC consider rejecting any funding application from the MKCRA in the next financial year according to paragraph 5.1(d) of the Guidelines.

134. Mr Barry WONG asked whether in the past, when handling cases of organisations which responsible person was “convicted”, the YTMDC had also rejected funding applications submitted by the organisation concerned in the following year; if yes, then there seemed to be no difference in the penalties imposed by the YTMDC on organisations “upon conviction” and those that were not “convicted”.

135. Ms Betty HO responded that according to paragraph 6.17(b) of the Guidelines, any new application for YTMDC funds submitted by the organisation in question would not be

entertained within a specific period, but the provision did not stipulate any time limit. She also said that Councillors might have confused paragraph 6.17(b) and paragraph 6.16(b) of the Guidelines. Paragraph 6.16(b) of the Guidelines stipulated that, if a grantee had breached the terms and conditions of grant for two consecutive phases within the same financial year and received two or more warning letters for each phase, i.e. four or more warning letters in total, for breaching the terms and conditions of grant, the YTMDC would reject its application for funds in the next financial year.

136. Mr CHAN Siu-tong supplemented that, he had made reference to the one-year time limit stipulated in paragraph 6.16(b) of the Guidelines, before suggesting that the YTMDC should reject the application for funds of MKCRA in the next financial year.

137. The Chairman concluded that Members had to consider whether the YTMDC should reimburse the remaining \$95,333 to the MKCRA, after deducting the amount of \$13,227 of those 22 questionable receipts. Besides, the YTMDC should decide on whether to take this record as the basis when vetting the application for funds and determining the amount of grant to the MKCRA under paragraph 5.1(d) of the Guidelines in future.

138. Mr HUI Tak-leung suggested that the YTMDC should cancel all the applications for reimbursement on four activities submitted by the MKCRA. He requested that the Council conduct a vote by roll call on this matter.

139. Mr CHAN Wai-keung pointed out that, since the Police did not have sufficient evidence to prosecute any person in this case, it would be really inappropriate for the YTMDC to cancel all the applications for reimbursement on the four activities submitted by the MKCRA.

140. Mr HUI Tak-leung asked whether the Secretariat would take the initiative to omit questionable receipts submitted by applicant organisations to the YTMDC.

141. The Secretary responded that if questionable receipts were found when handling applications for reimbursement by district groups, the Secretariat would refuse to reimburse to the applicant organisation the amount involved in those receipts.

142. Mr Barry WONG further asked whether the YTMDC could cancel the applications for reimbursement on the four activities of the MKCRA, according to the provisions of the existing Guidelines.

143. Ms Betty HO clarified as follows:

- (a) The existing Guidelines were formulated by the YTMDC, and in future, the YTMDC could review and revise any provision of the Guidelines, or even include new provisions.
- (b) The YTMDC was empowered to interpret the Guidelines.
- (c) If the YTMDC did not exercise its power according to the Guidelines, the public might challenge the decision of the YTMDC, or even complain to the Office of The Ombudsman.

- (d) Under the existing Guidelines, there was no provision stipulating that the YTMDC could refuse to reimburse funds to the MKCRA in the situation of this case.

144. Mr Chris IP requested that the meeting be adjourned for three minutes.

145. Mr HUI Tak-leung cited part 8(A) of the application form for YTMDC funds (Form 1), “I hereby declare that all the information given in this application is true and accurate. I understand that any inaccurate information will make the application invalid, any grant approved will be withheld and any payment made must be refunded to the Government.” He pointed out that since the receipts submitted by the MKCRA were questionable, i.e. the information given was inaccurate, its application for funds should be regarded as invalid.

146. Ms WONG Shu-ming requested that the meeting be adjourned for three minutes.

147. The Chairman announced that the meeting would be adjourned for five minutes.

(The meeting was adjourned for five minutes.)

148. Mr HUI Tak-leung said that after considering issues related to the exercise of power by the YTMDC, he decided to withdraw his suggestion of refusing to reimburse the funds to the MKCRA, which he had put forth before the adjournment.

149. Mr HAU Wing-cheong said that he would withdraw from the discussion of this item.

(Mr HAU Wing-cheong temporarily withdrew from the meeting at 6:27 p.m.)

150. The Chairman asked Members, regarding the four activities of the MKCRA, whether they agreed that the YTMDC should reimburse the remaining \$95,333 to the organisation after deducting the amount of \$13,227 of the 22 questionable receipts. There was no objection. The Chairman announced that the CBC endorsed the reimbursement of the remaining \$95,333 to the MKCRA.

151. The Chairman asked Members whether they agreed that the YTMDC should take this record as the basis when deciding whether to grant funds to the MKCRA for organising activities and determining the amount of grant in future. He also pointed out that a Member had suggested the YTMDC to reject the application for funds of the MKCRA in the next financial year. He invited Members to express their views on this.

152. Mr Barry WONG opined that the YTMDC should consider rejecting the application for funds of the MKCRA in the first half of year 2014-2015.

153. Ms WONG Shu-ming moved the following written motion at the meeting, “According to paragraph 5.1(d) of the Guidelines, whether the applicant has a satisfactory performance record in delivering past projects, having regard to the project completion reports it submitted and the project evaluation reports completed by DC previously. I hereby move that on the basis of the above, no fund should be granted to the said organisation for one year (2014-2015) as the handling approach of this case.” Mr CHAN Siu-tong seconded the motion.

154. Mr HUI Tak-leung requested for a vote by roll call on the above motion.

155. The Chairman asked Members whether they agreed to conduct a vote by roll call on the above motion. There was no objection.

156. The result of the vote was as follows: Mr Derek HUNG, the Vice-chairman, Mr CHUNG Kong-mo, Ms KO Po-ling, Mr HUI Tak-leung, Mr Chris IP, Mr CHAN Siu-tong, Ms KWAN Sau-ling, Ms WONG Shu-ming and Mr Vincent LAU voted for the motion, there was no vote against the motion, Mr CHAN Wai-keung, Mr Barry WONG and Ms Leticia LEE abstained from the vote.

157. The Chairman announced that the said motion was passed with 9 votes for it, 0 vote against it and 3 abstentions.

158. The Secretary added that the Secretariat would later submit the relevant paper to the YTMDC, requesting to reserve an additional \$95,333 in the 2013-2014 YTMDC funds, for reimbursement of funds to the MKCRA for the four activities.

159. Mr CHUNG Kong-mo requested the Working Group and the CBC to hold a special meeting as soon as possible, to review and revise the provisions of the Guidelines, and then submit the amendment to the internal meeting and general meeting of the YTMDC for approval.

160. There being no further comments, the Chairman closed the discussion on this item.

(Mr John WONG left the meeting at 6:30 p.m.)

(Post-meeting note: The \$13,277 mentioned in paragraphs 98 and 112 above was actually the total amount of the 22 questionable receipts. According to the Secretariat's record, the YTMDO forwarded the suspected questionable receipts of the four activities of the MKCRA to the Police for investigation in March 2012 (not "November 2011" as mentioned in paragraph 112 above). Upon double-checking the said receipts, the Secretariat confirmed that the amount the YTMDC should reimburse to the MKCRA was \$96,116.6.)

(iii) Inspection of Activities Held by First-year Applicant Organisations

161. The Chairman said that Members of the CBC had the obligation to attend activities held by first-year applicant organisations. He pointed out that two activities in this round of application for funds would be held by first-year applicant organisations, and if the CBC endorsed YTM CBC Paper No. 26/2013 under Item 8, Members should discuss and come up with their choice of representatives to attend those activities, as well as decide on the future arrangement for Members to take turn in attending this kind of activities. He also said that Members who were interested in participating in the inspection of the activities could apply to the Secretariat after the meeting.

(Mr Barry WONG left the meeting at 6:45 p.m.)

(iv) TPB's Meeting on 14 June 2013

162. Ms KWAN Sau-ling said that the TPB would hold a meeting on 14 June 2013, to discuss the public's representations and views on the draft Tsim Sha Tsui Outline Zoning Plan No. S/K1/27, and she asked whether the CBC would send any representative to attend the meeting. She added that she had submitted opposing views to the TPB on the Outline Zoning Plan, therefore, she would attend the meeting to make her representation.

163. The Vice-chairman added that, at the 7th meeting of the CBC on 1 February 2013, Members had given their views on the rezoning of the site occupied by the Middle Road Multi-storey Car Park Building at Tsim Sha Tsui, and Members agreed to send a letter requesting the PlanD to relay their views on the issue to the TPB after the meeting, with a copy of the letter sent to the Secretary for Home Affairs for information.

164. Ms KWAN Sau-ling hoped that the CBC could send representatives to attend the TPB meeting on 14 June 2013.

165. Mr HUI Tak-leung said that it had been endorsed at the meeting on 1 February 2013 that the CBC would relay Members' opposition regarding the rezoning of the site occupied by Middle Road Multi-storey Car Park Building at Tsim Sha Tsui to the TPB through the PlanD, therefore, he considered it more appropriate for Councillors to attend the TPB meeting on 14 June 2013 in personal capacity.

166. Ms Betty HO added that, as the District Officer of the district, she had also been invited to attend the TPB meeting on 14 June 2013. She further said that the PlanD had already prepared documents setting out the public's representations and views on the draft Tsim Sha Tsui Outline Zoning Plan No. S/K1/27, including views of the CBC. Where necessary, she would make supplementary remarks as appropriate at the meeting on that day.

167. There being no further comments, the Chairman closed the discussion on this item.

Item 7: Applications for 2013-2014 YTMDC Funds from Specified Organisations
(YTMCBC Paper No. 25/2013)

Item 8: Applications for 2013-2014 YTMDC Funds from Non-specified Organisations/Mutual Aid Committees/Owners' Corporations/Owners' Committees (2nd Phase)
(YTMCBC Paper No. 26/2013)

Item 9: DC Fund Application from YTM District Youth Programme Committee for Organising Youth Creativity Activities in YTM District
(YTMCBC Paper No. 27/2013)

168. The Chairman suggested that the papers on YTMDC funds under Items 7 to 9 should be discussed altogether. There was no objection. He reminded Members to fill in the Declaration of Interests form on the table if necessary.

169. Members endorsed an allocation of \$574,528 to six specified organisations for organising 20 activities.

170. Members endorsed an allocation of \$898,866 to 54 non-specified organisations/mutual aid committees/owners' corporations/owners' committees for organising 71 activities between July and October 2013.

171. Members endorsed an allocation of \$65,300 to the YTM District Youth Programme Committee for organising youth creativity activities in the YTM District.

172. There being no further comments, the Chairman closed the discussion on this item.

173. There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 7:00 p.m. The next meeting would be held at 2:30 p.m. on 25 July 2013 (Thursday).

Yau Tsim Mong District Council Secretariat
July 2013

**Proposed Amendments for the Draft Minutes of
the 8th Meeting of Community Building Committee held on 9 May 2013
Yau Tsim Mong District Council (2012-2015)**

Paragraph 23:

Original Text: “Mr Barry WONG hoped that the SWD could coordinate different non-governmental organisations (“NGOs”) in the district to organise activities... housing development... Nevertheless, social welfare organisations in the YTM District still faced the problem of a lack of space, and as a result the social welfare services and facilities in the district were yet to be well planned. He hoped that the SWD could take heed of the issue... He hoped that the SWD and the working group could strengthen coordination for the joint promotion of related activities.”

Proposed Amendment: “Mr Barry WONG hoped that the SWD could continue to coordinate different non-governmental organisations (“NGOs”) in the district to organise activities... housing development... However, there had all along been a lack of space for social welfare services and facilities in the YTM District and he hoped that the SWD could take heed of the issue... He hoped that the SWD and the working group could support each other as always for the joint promotion of related activities.”

Paragraph 72:

Original Text: “The Vice-chairman said that according to the written response of the HyD, the three footbridges would adopt... information on the planning and design of the three footbridges.”

Proposed Amendment: “In view of the department’s response to question no. 4 in the paper, the Vice-chairman said that although there was no provision requiring the GPA to attend meetings of the owners’ committees of the estates above the Kowloon Station, but just like the owners of properties above the Kowloon Station who had to stand for elections and participate in meetings, the GPA, which stressed its obligation in safeguarding government properties, should attend meetings of those owners’ committees, rather than just providing written responses. For instance, in matters relating air-conditioning charges and addition of gates on public pedestrian access, the GPA could better understand the situation by attending the related meetings. He opined that the current approach of the department was to exercise its rights only, without fulfilling any obligation. According to the written response of the HyD, the three footbridges would adopt... information on the planning and design of the three footbridges.”

Paragraph 94:

Original Text: “Mr Barry WONG recalled that established in 1972, the methadone clinics... achieve a drug-free state... He further said that there were 20 methadone clinics in Hong Kong... about 40% of them were ethnic minorities... abuse drugs again.”

Proposed Amendment: “Mr Barry WONG pointed out that established in 1972, the methadone clinics... achieve a drug-free state... As methadone clinics were recognised as effective in controlling the transmission of AIDS and improving public order, quite a number of neighbouring countries and regions had actively implemented similar programmes in recent years, including the Mainland, Macau, Taiwan, Vietnam, Malaysia, and Myanmar, etc. He further said that there were 20 methadone clinics in Hong Kong... about 40% of them were ethnic minorities and almost all of them were residents in the YTM District. Most of them lived in old buildings and partitioned flats in Yau Ma Tei and Jordan... abuse drugs again, thereby inducing more drug trafficking activities. In order to afford drug consumption, drug abusers might engage in robbery. Hence, the number of robbery cases in the district would also increase.”

Paragraph 107:

Original Text: “The Vice-chairman supplemented the paper with some additional information... arrangements... were improper. He urged the WKCD and relevant departments to make improvement.”

Proposed Amendment: “The Vice-chairman supplemented the paper with some additional information... arrangements... were improper. Furthermore, he submitted supplementary papers which revealed that Councillors of respective districts were consulted on eight activities held at WKCD site over the past six months, including those activities held by the WKCD and private bodies leasing WKCD venues. He did not understand why local consultations had been done for some of the activities, but no local consultation had been carried out for the Winter Carnival held at the end of last year and the Poon Choi Feast this time. He urged the WKCD and relevant departments to make improvement.”

Paragraph 119:

Original Text: “The Vice-chairman said that the degree of risks of accident associated with activities to be held in the WKCD... The WKCD... was not being notified of the details of the Poon Choi Feast... He stressed that large-scale activities... lodge a written complaint with the Chairman of the WKCD.”

Proposed Amendment: “The Vice-chairman said that the degree of risks of accident associated with activities to be held in the WKCD should have no

connection with local consultations. The WKCDA... was not being notified of the details of the Poon Choi Feast... if the problem could not be resolved through the DC, he would have no other alternative but to submit a paper to the Consultation Panel under the WKCDA for discussion. He stressed that large-scale activities... lodge a written complaint with the Chairman of the WKCDA.”

Paragraph 132:

Original Text: “The Vice-chairman was dissatisfied that WKCDA would only conduct consultation for its own activities in the WKCD. He urged the WKCDA to improve the existing consultation arrangements.”

Proposed Amendment: “The Vice-chairman was dissatisfied with WKCDA’s explanation, which revealed that local consultations would be conducted for WKCDA’s activities whereas no local consultation would be conducted for the same type of activities held by other organisations. It was hoped that the WKCDA could note that it was illogical to “apply double standards on a single issue”. He also pointed out that there were doubts on the current mode of operation.”

Paragraph 135:

Original Text: “Ms KO Po-ling said that large-scale activities involved pedestrian safety and traffic control issues, and the community nearby would be affected to a certain extent. Therefore, she urged the WKCDA to review its current consultation arrangements for activities...”

Proposed Amendment: “Ms KO Po-ling said that our Councillors were not direct against any groups or activities. Since the organisation of large-scale activities in the WKCD would involve pedestrian safety, traffic control and noise issues, the community nearby would be affected to a certain extent. Therefore, she urged the WKCDA to review its current consultation arrangements for activities...”

議項二(i)

書面回應

康樂及文化事務署

就油尖旺區議會社區建設委員會文件第 19/2013 號

要求於大角咀區增設自修室的書面回應

繼上述文件在 5 月 9 日的會議討論後，本署已於 5 月 29 日與教育局代表、康文署圖書館組代表及油尖旺區議員在大角咀市政大廈進行視察。

經視察後，與會者認為位於 6 樓的會議室在晚上時段的使用率較低。為善用政府的資源，可嘗試在晚上時段將該會議室用作臨時自修室用途，並在實施之後進行檢討。

與會者同意在明年 4 至 6 月份期間實行，開放時間為每晚 7 時至 10 時，座位共 14 席。為免臨時自修室被濫用，與會者同意只准持有有效學生証的人士使用。康文署會制定使用者守則及聘請臨時工作人員在場登記及維持場內秩序。

康文署現正與有關部門跟進臨時改變用途的申請，並會考慮自修室的使用率、設施所需的改裝(如燈光)及運作自修室所需的經費等多方面因素。稍後再向委員會匯報有關進度。

康樂及文化事務署
二零一三年六月

議項二(ii)
書面回應

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促扶貧委員會放寬「長者牙科服務計劃」申請資格

謝謝您於二零一三年五月三十日分別致函扶貧委員會及本局轄下關愛基金秘書處，轉達油尖旺區議會社區建設委員會(委員會)委員於二零一三年五月九日會議上，關於關愛基金「長者牙科服務資助」項目(項目)的意見。此回覆為政府各相關政策局／部門就項目的綜合回覆。

由於另有公務，扶貧委員會秘書處、關愛基金秘書處及食物及衛生局代表未能出席委員會於六月十三日下午舉行的會議，敬請見諒。現附上項目最新進展的資料文件，供委員會委員參考。

民政事務局局長

(區家盛



代行)

二零一三年六月十日

副本抄送：

政務司司長私人辦公室(經辦人：周子婷女士)
食物及衛生局局長(經辦人：黃珍妮女士)

關愛基金「長者牙科服務資助」項目

關愛基金(基金)的「長者牙科服務資助」項目(項目)於2012年9月24日，在香港牙醫學會的協助下正式推行，資助有需要的低收入長者鑲活動假牙及接受其他必需的牙科診療服務。

鑑於本港長者數目眾多，60歲或以上的長者超過140萬人，前基金督導委員會(督導委員會)認為有需要為項目訂定受惠對象的優次和數目，而甄別服務對象的機制須盡可能簡易便捷和直接到位。經詳細考慮後，督導委員會決定先為接受社會福利署(社署)資助的「綜合家居照顧服務」及「改善家居及社區照顧服務」(家居照顧服務)，而又並非綜合社會保障援助(綜援)受助人的長者，提供長者鑲活動假牙及其他與鑲活動假牙有關的牙科診療服務。因為這群組的長者，既未能受惠於現時綜援計劃下的牙科治療費用津貼或「院舍及日間護理中心長者基礎牙科外展服務先導計劃」，亦往往因體弱、經濟困難或乏人照顧等而未能主動外出尋求牙醫服務。截至2013年5月31日，共有259名牙醫和47所非政府機構轄下的牙科診所，登記參與項目，並有575名長者獲轉介至這些牙醫／牙科診所接受牙科服務。

基金於2013年起納入扶貧委員會的工作範圍。扶貧委員會轄下的基金專責小組(專責小組)一直監察項目的實施情況，並已成立工作小組，因應項目的推行情況和經驗，檢討項目的受惠條件。在項目剛推行時，合資格的長者必須於2011年12月31日正接受社署資助的家居照顧服務。自項目開展以來，有長者提出要求放寬有關的指定日期。因應這些意見，以及在考慮專責小組及其工作小組的建議後，扶貧委員會剛於本年5月2日的會議上，通過把項目的受惠條件由原來「截至2011年12月31日」調整至涵蓋「截至2012年12月31日」已接受家居照顧服務的長者，讓更多長者獲納入資助範圍內。

此外，有非政府機構曾表示因面對人手短缺的問題，在推行此項目時遇上不少困難。為了讓非政府機構有更充

裕的資源以聘用足夠的人手應付項目在運作上的需要，從而加強鼓勵非政府機構為項目轉介長者接受服務，扶貧委員會於5月2日的會議上亦通過調整給予非政府機構的費用，包括除原有50元的定額行政費外，向有關機構就每宗成功轉介的個案支付50元的定額轉介費，並按實際陪診的時數，向提供陪診服務的非政府機構發放每小時70元的陪診費。

專責小組及其工作小組正繼續監察項目的實施情況，並因應項目的進展及參與項目的牙醫人數等因素，考慮逐步調整項目的受惠對象，務求令更多有需要的低收入長者受惠。

關愛基金秘書處

2013年6月

Community Care Fund Elderly Dental Assistance Programme

The Community Care Fund (CCF) "Elderly Dental Assistance Programme" (the programme) was rolled out with the assistance of the Hong Kong Dental Association on 24 September 2012 to subsidise low-income and needy elders for dentures and related dental services.

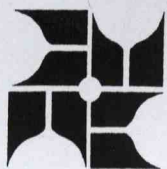
In view of the large number of elders in Hong Kong and given that the number of elders aged 60 and above is over 1.4 million, the then Steering Committee on the CCF (the Steering Committee) considered that there was a need to set the priority and the number of beneficiaries for the programme, and that the screening mechanism to identify target beneficiaries should be simple and direct as far as possible. After detailed deliberation, the Steering Committee decided that priority should be accorded to elders who are users of the "Integrated Home Care Services" and the "Enhanced Home and Community Care Services" (home care services) subvented by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) and who are not recipients of Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) for dentures and related dental services. It is because this group of elders neither benefit from the dental grant under the CSSA scheme nor the Pilot Project on Outreach Primary Dental Care Services for the Elderly in Residential Care Homes and Day Care Centres. Besides, they may be encountering difficulties in seeking the necessary dental services due to poor health conditions, financial hardship or lack of care, etc. As at 31 May 2013, 259 dentists and 47 NGO dental clinics have enrolled for the programme. A total of 575 elders have been referred to the participating dentists / dental clinics for dental services under the programme.

The CCF has been integrated into the work of the Commission on Poverty (CoP) since 2013. The CCF Task Force under the CoP has been monitoring the implementation of the programme, and a working group has been set up to review the eligibility criteria taking into account the progress of implementation and the experience gained. When the programme was first rolled out, eligible elders should be users of the home care services subvented by SWD as at 31 December 2011. Since the implementation of the programme, some elders requested to relax this specified date. In response to such requests and taking into account the recommendations of the CCF Task Force and its working group, the CoP approved at its meeting on 2 May this year to extend the specified date for having been users of home care services from "as at 31 December 2011" to "as at 31 December 2012" so as to expand the pool of eligible elders.

Apart from the above, some non-governmental organisations (NGOs) indicated their difficulty in implementing the programme because of manpower shortage. In order to provide NGOs with more resources to employ adequate manpower for addressing the operational needs of the programme and to encourage these NGOs for referring elders to receive the dental services, the CoP has also approved at its meeting on 2 May to adjust the payment terms to NGOs, i.e. in addition to the fixed administrative fee of \$50, to provide NGOs with a fixed referral fee of \$50 for each successful referral and an accompanying service fee of \$70 per hour based on the actual duration of accompanying services provided.

The CCF Task Force and its working group will continue to monitor the implementation of the programme and consider adjusting the target beneficiaries progressively, taking into account factors including the progress of implementation and the number of dentists participating in the programme, with a view to benefiting more low-income and needy elders.

Community Care Fund Secretariat
June 2013



油尖旺區議會

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Annex 4

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扶貧委員會及關愛基金

多次不派員出席油尖旺區議會社區建設委員會會議

油尖旺區議會轄下社區建設委員會(社建會)曾兩度發信邀請扶貧委員會及關愛基金(下稱“扶貧會和基金”)出席2013年5月9日及6月13日的會議，參與討論社建會第23/2013號文件「促扶貧委員會放寬『長者牙科服務計劃』申請資格」一事，惟扶貧會和基金並未派員出席會議。

在2013年6月13日社建會第八次會議上，委員通過致函行政長官，對扶貧會和基金兩次不出席社建會會議表達不滿。會上並通過繼續邀請扶貧會和基金派員出席7月25日第九次社建會會議，續議上述議題，如屆時仍未有代表赴會，委員將向區議會提呈文件，要求區議會譴責扶貧會和基金。

社建會期盼扶貧會和基金應與油尖旺區議會保持良好溝通，應邀派員出席會議。謹此轉達社建會委員的意見，盼能回應委員的訴求。

油尖旺區議會

社區建設委員會主席黃建新

副本送：扶貧委員會秘書處
關愛基金秘書處

2013年6月20日

就油尖旺區議會黃建新等議員的提問，本署現謹覆如下：

關注油尖旺區婦女高抑鬱率事宜

衛生署一向關注香港市民的精神健康。衛生署衛生防護中心轄下的監測及流行病學處建立了行為風險因素監測系統，通過一系列定期及系統性的電話調查，收集香港成年人口各種與健康風險有關的行為模式資料，而精神健康的資料亦包括在內。

衛生署在2009年和2011年進行的行為風險因素調查，採用Kessler六項精神困擾級別量表(K6)，以測量香港人口受精神困擾的程度。於2011年進行的行為風險因素調查發現，年齡介乎18至64歲的成年人口當中，5.3%被歸類為嚴重精神困擾，當中女性佔52%。被歸類為嚴重精神困擾者當中，只有18.9%曾向醫護專業人員尋求協助。而被歸類為嚴重精神困擾的被訪者當中，每月家庭收入較低（低於\$8,000）、離婚、分居或喪偶都較為普遍。此外，患有慢性疾病和評估自己健康狀況較為差的被訪者中，較多會被歸類為嚴重精神困擾。工餘或課餘時間較少運動以及較少社交支援的被訪者，較容易被歸類為嚴重精神困擾。

「油尖旺區婦女的壓力來源和精神健康狀況」調查報告顯示，婦女的抑鬱症狀與某些社會經濟狀況(例如：入息、居住環境)有關，這兩項亦是已知的風險因素。為了更全面地收集香港人口的健康資料，包括精神健康，衛生署將於2013-14年度進行人口住戶健康調查，收集的資料包括精神困擾、主觀幸福感、睡眠習慣、社交支持、生活

素質以及各項人口特徵的資料，這將有助政府瞭解本地人口的精神健康狀況及需求，以制定相應的促進精神健康的政策，改善市民的精神健康。

衛生署的家庭健康服務及長者健康服務均有就促進婦女的精神健康提供相關的服務。

家庭健康服務

衛生署的家庭健康服務透過31間母嬰健康院及3間婦女健康中心，為初生至5歲的嬰幼兒童及64歲或以下的婦女提供全面的促進健康和預防疾病服務。全港母嬰健康院現時推行親職教育計劃，旨在為所有帶同子女前往母嬰健康院的父母，提供所需的知識和技巧，從而培育兒童健康成長。通過個別輔導、資料單張／錄影帶、網上資源、熱線及工作坊，父母會在產前及兒童學前時期獲得有關育兒、兒童發展及正面親職的指導。

另外，母嬰健康院透過「兒童身心全面發展服務」，識別患有抑鬱的孕婦／產後母親及有心理社會需要的家庭為他們提供服務。服務於2005年7月在全港四區試行，並已於2012/13年擴展至全港。在產前期間，母嬰健康院醫護人員會識別及向有情緒問題或曾有精神健康問題的孕婦提供支援輔導服務，並轉介至醫管局產科診所跟進。在產後階段，母嬰健康院護士會採用「愛丁堡產後抑鬱量表」來識別有機會患上產後抑鬱的母親，及評估她們的狀況及相關的心理社會因素。有產後抑鬱症狀或情緒困擾的母親會獲轉介至派駐母嬰健康院的醫管局

外展精神科護士 / 醫生接受進一步評估及輔導。視乎情況的嚴重程度以及有關母親及其子女的需要，有關個案會交由派駐母嬰健康院的外展兒科醫生或綜合家庭服務中心跟進。在2012年，在「兒童身心全面發展服務」下識別為可能患上產後抑鬱的母親約有4800名，其中約3000/1600人次分別獲轉介至醫管局的精神科 / 社會服務單位接受跟進治療。其餘則在母嬰健康院接受跟進服務。

家庭的心理社會狀況是影響兒童健康和發展的一項重要因素。為識別和加強支援來自弱勢社群的兒童，母嬰健康院會為有需要的家庭（例如單親家庭、有家庭暴力記錄的家庭等）進行心理社會需要評估。評估旨在探討與兒童福祉有關的主要事宜，例如有關兒童是否獲妥善照顧、父母的財政狀況、就業情況和婚姻 / 家庭關係、以及有關兒童是否獲得足夠的社會支援等。有需要的家庭會獲母嬰健康院提供支援服務，或在他們同意下，獲轉介至綜合家庭服務中心或其他服務單位跟進。

長者健康服務

此外，長者健康服務在過去數年通過不同渠道，包括新聞發布、互聯網網頁，及製作各類健康教材，如視像光碟等，加強公眾對長者精神健康的關注。有精神、行為或情緒問題的長者，如果能夠得到適切的照顧，是可以繼續過群體生活的（包括在安老院舍內與其他院友一同生活）。而維持正常的社交生活對這些長者的身心都有莫大益處。

長者健康外展隊伍(外展隊)經常與社會福利署及其他社福機構保持緊密聯繫，為長者及照顧者免費提供健康教育講座及培訓，當中包括精神健康、護老者的精神壓力等題材，以加強其身心健康與照顧技巧。外展隊亦會定期在全港各區(包括油尖旺區)的社區中心及安老院舍為長者及照顧者提供講座，講座內容由臨床心理學家撰寫，主題包括「如何處理緊張和憂慮」、「情緒健康面面觀」、「壓力處理」及「認識抑鬱症」等等。照顧者中大部分為女性，因此，外展隊的支持對促進她們的精神健康甚為重要。

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書面回應(1)

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對婦女精神健康的關注

目的

本文件旨在回應黃建新議員、黃舒明議員和黃頌議員對婦女精神健康的關注。

為婦女提供的社區支援服務

2. 政府一向關注婦女的服務需要，並強調預防勝於治療的重要性。為增強婦女應付逆境及從逆境中復元的能力，政府透過公眾教育及小組工作，強化婦女對生活各方面的掌控、提高處理壓力的能力、培養正向思維及建立支援網絡。

3. 為了支援及鞏固個人/家庭（包括婦女），社會福利署（社署）透過綜合家庭服務中心提供一系列的預防、支援和補救性的家庭服務，包括諮詢服務、輔導服務、小組工作（例如互助小組）、親子活動、家庭生活教育、義工培訓及服務、外展服務，以及轉介服務等，協助個人/家庭建立社交網絡、培育良好親子和婚姻關係以促進家庭和諧、提升面對壓力和解決問題的技巧，以及積極面對生活上的困難或個人/家庭問題。

4. 如婦女懷疑受抑鬱困擾，除可向醫院管理局轄下的醫院或衛生署的診所求診外，亦可向社署或非政府機構的綜合家庭服務中心尋求協助。中心的社工具備相關的經驗和技巧，會全面評估婦女的需要，為她們提供適切的服務，包括深入輔導，如有需要，社工可轉介接受臨牀心理服務或參與相關的治療小組。

總結

5. 請各議員備悉文件內容。