

Date : 29 May 2025
Time : 3:00 p.m.
Venue : 5/F, West Wing, Central Government Offices, Tamar

Non-official Members

Ms Karin Ann
Mr Chan Kin-ping
Miss Anna May Chan Mei-lan
Mrs Jennifer Cheng Yu Ngar-wing
Prof Eric Chui Wing-hong
Ms Kathy Chung Lai-kam
Dr Kevin Lau Chung-hang
Ms Joyce Lee Yuen-sum
Ms Yolanda Ng Yuen-ting
Ms Cindy Pun Siu-fung
Dr Tang Chun-pan
Mr Tony Tse Tsz-fung
Mr Alan Tsoi Ka-lun
Dr Rizwan Ullah
Mr Gary Wong Chi-him
Ms Donna Wong Chui-ling
Miss Koby Wong Lok-yin
Ms May Wong May-kwan
Ms Grace Yu Ho-wun

Secretary

Mr Kevin Li	Principal Assistant Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Children)
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In attendance**Chief Secretary for Administration's Private Office**

Mr Sammy Leung	Administrative Assistant to CS
Mr Nick Choi	Press Secretary to CS
Ms Joyce Li	Political Assistant to CS

Labour and Welfare Bureau (LWB)

Ms Alice Lau	Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare
Mr David Leung	Deputy Secretary for Labour and Welfare (Welfare)1) (DS(W)1)
Ms Rachel Kwong	Assistant Secretary (Children)1
Ms Terry Cheung	Chief Executive Officer (Children)

Education Bureau (EDB)

[For item 3 & 4 only]

Ms Candy Chan Principal Education Officer (Special Education) 2

Home and Youth Affairs Bureau (HYAB)

[For item 4 only]

Ms Joyce Chan Commissioner for Women Affairs

Hong Kong Police Force (HKPF)

Ms Alice Tsang Senior Superintendent of Police
(Crime Support) (Crime Wing)

Department of Health

[For item 3 only]

Dr Jackie Leung Assistant Director of Health
(Health Administration & Planning)

Social Welfare Department (SWD)

[For item 3 & 4]

Ms Wendy Chau Assistant Director (Family & Child Welfare)
(AD(FCW))

Ms Dora Yuen Chief Social Work Officer (Domestic Violence)

Members absent with apologies**Ex-officio Members**

Ms Melissa Kaye Pang Chairperson of Family Council

Non-official Members

Ms Heidi Hui Sim-kiu

Ms Winona Lo Oi-ling

Item 1: Confirmation of the Notes of the Twenty-fourth Meeting held on 6 March 2025

The draft notes of the 24th meeting were circulated to Members on 12 May 2025 and no comment was received. The notes were confirmed without any amendment.

Item 2: Matters Arising

2. There were no matters arising from the last meeting.

Item 3: Progress Report of the Preparation for the Commencement of the Mandatory Reporting of Child Abuse Ordinance [Paper No. 6/2025]

3. On CS' invitation, DS(W)1/LWB updated Members on the preparatory work for implementing the mandatory reporting regime for child abuse cases. To tie in with the commencement of the Mandatory Reporting of Child Abuse Ordinance (Ordinance) in January 2026, the Government launched the three-phase Child Protection Campaign in January 2025 which included initiatives on publicity and promotion, education and training, with each phase targeting different groups of audiences and pursuing specific objectives. The initiatives aimed to enhance the understanding among specified professionals and the public on the mandatory reporting regime, while heightening their awareness of child protection.

4. AD(FCW)/SWD demonstrated the use of the on-line analytical framework of the Mandated Reporter Guide, comprising decision trees of different types of child abuses and relevant supplementary information, to assist mandated reporters in reporting suspected serious child abuse cases and the use of the online reporting platform. In response to CS' enquiries on whether it would be a pre-requisite for a mandated reporter to make a report through the online reporting platform and whether he/she needed to answer all the questions prompted by the analytical framework before making a report, AD(FCW) advised that a mandated reporter may choose to report a suspected case to the Police or SWD direct under emergency

circumstances, and in that case he/she needed not answer the questions nor report via the online reporting platform. AD(FCW) added that use of the online analytical framework would be optional. A mandated reporter may make a report through the online reporting platform or other channels without making use of the analytical framework.

[CS left the meeting at 3:40 p.m. and SLW took over to chair the meeting at this juncture.]

5. Members expressed appreciation for the Government's comprehensive efforts in child protection, including the plan to raise the awareness among the ethnic minorities (EM) of the Ordinance through a large-scale engagement event promotional work at EM community and schools. Their views and suggestions were summarised as follows -

- (a) Collaborations at district level, such as District Councils and local organisations, should be carried out to widely convey child protection messages to the general public. More promotional resources should be allocated to districts with substantial EM populations to enhance community-level outreach.
- (b) The curriculum coverage of tertiary education programmes of the relevant professions should be extended to include child protection contents, with a view to equipping the specified professionals at early stage.
- (c) Wider promotion in healthcare sector, such as engagement of different medical specialties and collaboration with Hospital Authority (HA), could help better reach out to the healthcare sector.
- (d) Visual-aids and illustrative materials could be added in SWD's online reporting platform to facilitate mandated reporters' better understanding and assessments.
- (e) Early intervention should be adopted for potential child abuse cases by providing necessary support to at-risk families,

thereby addressing the problems at source.

- (f) Impact study could be considered for evaluating the efficacy of the mandatory reporting regime in mitigating issues pertaining to child abuse.

6. DS(W)1 supplemented that LWB and HHB would actively explore with the healthcare sector to promote child protection through HA and relevant professional bodies. To complement the commencement of the Ordinance which would create a wide and effective protection web for children through early identification intervention, the pilot of four Community Parents and Children Centres would strengthen parental education and prevention of child abuse from source.

7. USHYA affirmed that HYAB would provide unwavering support and encourage District Council members to support the implementation of the Ordinance and disseminate child protection messages to the general public at district level.

Item 4: Parent Education to Support Healthy and Happy Development of Children
[Paper No. 7/2025]

8. On SLW's invitation, representatives from EDB, HYAB and SWD briefed Members on the latest development of parent education and services to support the growth of children.

9. The meeting noted that Ms Kathy Chung and Miss Koby Wong were serving as members of the Family Council, while Ms May Wong was involved in the development of the Curriculum Frameworks on Parent Education under EDB.

10. Members appreciated the Government's initiatives to promote parent education. Their views and suggestions were summarised as follows -

- (a) Parent education programmes and the dissemination of related information could be conducted online, given its convenience,

wider outreach and popularity after the pandemic. Accreditation of online training and giving out certificates could also incentivise parents' participation.

- (b) Promotion of the Ordinance, child protection and relevant e-learning platform could be integrated into different campaigns of other bureaux and departments to achieve greater synergy.

11. In response, PEO(SE)2 supplemented that blended mode of face-to-face and online training were all along conducted for parents, with video and audio playback resources accessible on EDB's website.

Item 5: Progress Reports of the Working Groups (WGs)
[Paper No. 8-9/2025]

12. The progress reports of the WG on Child Protection and the WG on Promotion and Public Engagement were circulated to Members for information prior to the meeting. The Secretariat had not received any view on the reports from Members.

Item 6: Any Other Business

13. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 4:40 p.m.

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