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Question :

During 2002-03, the bureau will study and explore the feasibility of developing a new medical and dental benefits scheme for new recruits. Please advise the scope of the study, the expenditure involved and the implementation schedule of the scheme.

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Bernard

Reply :

The purpose of the study is to examine the feasibility of developing a market-based outpatient medical and dental benefits scheme for newly recruited civil servants. During the study, we shall examine various related issues such as options on scheme design, benefits coverage, eligibility, mode of service provision and the financial implications of different options. The study will be carried out internally within Civil Service Bureau. We are at this stage exploring the feasibility of a new scheme and have not decided on an implementation schedule.

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