

## Section 6. Efforts for Policy Evaluation

### 1. Efforts for Policy Evaluation

Policy evaluations of the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare are being conducted in accordance with the “Basic Plan for Policy Evaluation of the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare (2nd Term)” (2nd Term Basic Plan) for the period of FY 2007 to FY 2011.

In FY 2007, the first year of the 2nd Term Basic Plan, policy evaluations have been conducted using the new policy system and evaluation forms. In addition, in response to the revision of "Order for Enforcement of the law concerning policy evaluations to be conducted by administrative institutions", preliminary evaluations to be conducted at the time of addition, revision, or abolition of regulations of laws or Cabinet Orders have been conducted since October 1, 2007.

The concrete situation with evaluations made in FY 2007 is as follows.

- (1) Preliminary evaluations have been conducted on ① 21 new programs (of policies (programs) requesting the FY 2008 budget, those of high priority requiring 100 million yen or more or those requiring 1 billion yen or more), ② 18 individual public works (at the time of adoption), ③ 27 individual research projects, and ④ 19 policies regarding addition/abolition of regulations using the program evaluation method, respectively.
- (2) Post-evaluations have been conducted on ① 40 measures using the achievement evaluation method among measures of health, labour and welfare administration as a whole (policy system consisting of 12 basic goals and 71 goals for measures), ② 10 measures requiring major system revisions using the comprehensive evaluation method, ③ 62 individual public works (those still being continued 5 years after adoption), ④ 502 individual research projects, ⑤ 10 programs, in which preliminary evaluations of new programs have been conducted, for which 3 years or more have passed since starting, and ⑥ 8 programs that are focused on achievements using the program evaluation method, respectively.

The results of these evaluations were being published one by one from April 2007.

In addition, priority areas for policy evaluations, including policies of the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare, were presented at the Council on Fiscal and Economic Policy in November 2007 in accordance with the “Basic Policies for Fiscal and Economic Reform 2007”. Taking this into consideration, the 2nd Term Basic Plan was revised in March 2008 and policy evaluations in FY 2008 reviewed in ① conducting comprehensive evaluations focusing on the priority areas, ② clarifying the date comprehensive evaluations were to take place, and ③ improving evaluation forms to include clarification of the status with goals achieved.

## 2. Efforts for Evaluation of Independent Administrative Institutions

In order to improve the evaluation system for the 16 independent administrative institutions within the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare, 6 subcommittees have been established within the Evaluation Committee for Independent Administrative institutions since July 2003. Evaluations of business achievements for each business year are conducted through assigning each independent administrative institution to one of the subcommittees.

Of the independent administrative institutions within the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare, the results of evaluation of business achievements of 14 institutions, excluding 2 that have joint jurisdictions, were compiled and published in FY 2007. In addition, the results of evaluation of business achievements during the period of mid-term goals were compiled and published for the Employment and Human Resources Development Organization and The Japan Institute for Labour Policy and Training, both of whose period of mid-term goals was completed in FY 2006.

In addition, deliberations were also made on goals for the next term of those institutions, whose period of mid-term goals was completed in FY 2006, and ideas for reviewing the 6 institutions on their overall organization/business roles.