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Paper for House Committee Meeting on 9 February 2001

**Select Committee to Inquire into Building Problems in
Production of Public Housing Units**

Purpose

At the meeting of the Legislative Council on 7 February 2001, a select committee was appointed to "inquire into the building problems in the production of public housing units having regard to the circumstances surrounding the incidents in Tin Chung Court, Shatin Area 14B Phase 2, Tung Chung Area 30 Phase 3 and Shek Yam Estate Phase 2, and based on this to identify positive recommendations for a complete overhaul of the overall policies and system of public housing, which should include examining whether the Housing Authority should be reorganized, split or abolished, so as to raise the quality of public housing".

2. This paper invites Members to -
 - a. advise on the size of the select committee; and
 - b. consider the procedure for the nomination of Members for appointment to the select committee.

Rules of Procedure

3. In accordance with Rule 78(2) of the Rules of Procedure, the President shall decide the size of every select committee and shall appoint the chairman, deputy chairman and members thereof, taking into account the recommendations of the House Committee.

Size of Select Committee

4. Having regard to past experience and the efficient operation of the select committee, it is proposed that the size of the select committee should be 13, i.e. the Chairman, Deputy Chairman and 11 members.

Proposed Nomination Procedure

5. The nomination procedure is proposed as follows -
 - a. Nomination shall be made at a House Committee meeting. A valid nomination shall be made orally by a Member, seconded by at least one other Member, and accepted by the Member being nominated. A Member who nominates a Member who is absent from the meeting shall state that the absent Member's acceptance of the nomination has been secured.
 - b. If the number of nominations exceeds that required for appointment, a vote will be taken by a show of hands. Members may vote as many times as the agreed number of members on the select committee.
 - c. If two or more nominees receive the same number of votes such that the House Committee cannot determine as to which nominees should be recommended for appointment to the select committee, the House Committee Chairman shall first announce that the nominees who have received the highest number of votes be recommended for appointment. As regards the remaining nominees who have received the same number of votes in the next highest order, lots will be drawn by the House Committee Chairman to decide which of them should be recommended to make up the full complement of the select committee.
 - d. After the nomination and election of Members to the select committee, the House Committee meeting should be suspended for 10 minutes to enable the nominated Members to nominate the Chairman and Deputy Chairman from among themselves.
 - e. The House Committee meeting will then resume and be asked to endorse the nomination of the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the select committee.
6. The House Committee's recommendations in regard to the size and membership of the select committee will be submitted to the President for appointment.

Advice Sought

7. Members are invited to endorse -
 - a. the size of the select committee (paragraph 4 above); and

- b. the procedure for nomination of Members for appointment to the select committee (paragraph 5 above).

8. Subject to Members' endorsement of the proposals in paragraph 7(a) and (b) above, the nomination and election of Members for appointment to the select committee will be held at the House Committee meeting on 16 February 2001.

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