

LegCo Select Committee Drew up Preliminary List for Hearings

The following is issued on behalf of the Legislative Council Secretariat:

The Legislative Council Select Committee on Building Problems of Public Housing Units decided today (Saturday, March 17) to summon three witnesses to give evidence to the Select Committee starting from April 21 on the organization structure and working mechanism within and between the Housing Authority, the Housing Department and the Housing Bureau on the production of public housing units. These three witnesses, who were holding key positions in the authorities concerned when the four incidents being studied by the Select Committee occurred, are Dr Hon Rosanna WONG Yick-ming, former Chairman of the Housing Authority, Mr J A Miller, Director of Housing and Mr Dominic WONG Sing-wah, Secretary for Housing. Six meetings have been scheduled for the purpose: April 21, 24, May 5, 8, 10 and 12.

The Select Committee also decided to conduct a visit to current public housing sites on which Large Diameter Bored Piles and Precast Prestressed Concrete Piles are under construction. The visit is tentatively scheduled for March 27.

The Select Committee also decided to obtain information and views from the public on the building problems in the production of the public housing units in Tin Chung Court, Shatin Area 14B Phase 2, Tung Chung Area 30 Phase 3 and Shek

Yam Phase 2, as well as measures to improve the building quality of public housing units. Invitation for public views will be made through advertisements in local newspapers and the website of the Legislative Council. Professional groups relating to the building industries and tertiary institutions with engineering faculties will also be approached for views.

The next meeting (Saturday, March 24) of the Select Committee to continue its discussion on the written information to be provided by the Housing Authority and the Housing Bureau will also be a closed meeting.

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