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

The Legislative Council Select Committee on Building Problems of Public Housing Units met today (March 3, 2001) and endorsed its work plan for the conduct of its enquiry 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.

The Select Committees proceeded to a closed meeting to study the documents relating to these four incidents already in the public domain, including the report of the investigation panel chaired by Mr John E. Strickland, as well as the investigation reports provided by the Housing Authority and the Housing Bureau under confidential cover, namely the reports of the investigation panels chaired by Mr Philip Nunn, and Mr Stephen Selby. The Select Committee also received confidential reports from Zen Pacific Civil Contractors Ltd., one of the contractors for the housing projects under study.

The Select Committee will continue its internal deliberation at its next meeting to identify the issues revealed in the investigations of the incidents undertaken by the various bodies. The next meeting, to be held on next Saturday (March 10, 2001), will also be a closed meeting.

End/Saturday, March 3, 2001 NNNN