

**LegCo Duty Roster Members' meeting with representatives of the  
Aggrieved Owners of Rooftop Structures in Tsuen Wan District  
on 20 November 2002**

**Issues referred to the Panel on Planning, Lands and Works  
and Panel on Housing for follow-up actions**

1. According to the deputation, a majority of the owners of illegal rooftop structures (IRS) could not afford the costs involved in the demolition of their IRS. To minimize the costs involved, some owners engaged non-professionals to carry out the demolition works, thus causing health and safety hazards. The Duty Roster Members (DRMs) are concerned whether a mechanism has been put in place by the Administration to check if the procedures adopted by owners of IRS in demolishing their IRS are proper and in compliance with safety standards.
2. Referring to the Administration's plan to clear all IRS on single-staircase buildings by 2007, the DRMs are concerned how the Administration sets the priority for the clearance of these IRS and whether cases involving owners who experience genuine hardship will be handled on a discretionary basis, for example, owners who are in financial difficulties will not be required to demolish their IRS for the time being.
3. In view of the availability of quite a substantial number of vacant public housing units, the DRMs are concerned whether the Administration will consider suitably relaxing the rehousing criteria for public rental housing so that more clearnees affected by the clearance of IRS can be rehoused in public housing units.