

Panel on Housing

List of follow-up actions for the 2006-07 session
(position as at 27 December 2006)

Subject	Date of meeting	Follow-up actions required	Administration's response
1. Review of Domestic Rent Policy	6.11.2006	<p>In connection with HA's decision to waive rent increase in public rental housing estates approved in 1998, the Administration was requested to provide the following relevant information:</p> <p>(a) HA's official announcement on the above decision; and</p> <p>(b) Minutes of meetings of HA covering the relevant discussion(s).</p>	Administration's response was circulated under confidential cover vide LC Paper No. CB(1) 428/06-07 on 4 December 2006.
2. Report on the review of domestic rent policy for public housing	4.12.2006	<p>The Administration was requested to provide the following papers:</p> <p>(c) A paper on the results of the opinion survey(s) conducted by the Administration and the Housing Authority on the review of domestic rent policy, including the proposed income index, the extent of rent reduction to be implemented</p>	Administration's response was circulated vide LC Paper No. CB(1) 593/06-07 on 27 December 2006.

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		<p>upon the introduction of the new rent adjustment mechanism, and the proposed amendments to the Housing Ordinance to effect the new mechanism; and</p> <p>(d) A paper to address members' concern about possible manipulation of the outcome in compiling the proposed income index. In particular, there was concern about the lack of an objective methodology for fixing the household size distribution in public rental housing during a rent review. Thus the Administration could arbitrarily determine how and when to update the pattern of household size distribution to suit its needs. There was view that consideration should be given to set out criteria on how re-basing of the household size distribution would be conducted and to incorporate the details into the amendment bill.</p>	
3. Sale arrangements for uncompleted first-hand residential units	4.12.2006	The Administration was requested to take the following actions:	Response awaited

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		<p>(a) To provide a sample document of the Consent Scheme setting out the requirements for sale of uncompleted residential units, and to explain how the requirements had been and would be revised to address concerns raised lately in the sale and purchase of uncompleted residential units; and</p> <p>(b) To review the effectiveness of new measures proposed by the Real Estate Developers Association to strengthen the self-regulatory regime on the sale of uncompleted residential units after one year of implementation, and to submit the review report to the Panel.</p>	