

**Panel on Housing**

**List of outstanding items for discussion**  
(position as at 30 January 2007)

**Proposed timing for  
discussion**

**1. Review of income and asset limits for Waiting List applicants**

Proposed by the Administration. The Housing Authority reviews the Waiting List Income and Asset Limits annually. The Administration intends to brief members on the outcomes of the 2007-2008 review. The approved new limits will take effect from April 2007 onwards.

March 2007

**2. Creation of the post of Assistant Director (Independent Checking Unit)**

Proposed by the Administration. The Panel first discussed the subject of "Directorate restructuring of the Housing Department and creation of a supernumerary Assistant Director of Housing post for the Independent Checking Unit in the Housing Department" on 7 May 2001. The Panel discussed the proposal to retain the supernumerary Assistant Director post for an additional three years on 7 July 2003.

March 2007

The supernumerary Assistant Director post will expire in July 2007. In view of operational need, the Administration would like to turn this post into a permanent one.

**3. Land supply for public housing development and problems encountered in proposed public housing development**

Proposed by Mr CHAN Kam-lam at the meeting on 12 October 2006. He expressed concern about the opposition raised by certain District Councils to Housing Authority's proposed housing development programmes in their respective districts, which may have implications on the disposal of HA sites and pace of flat allocation under

2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2007  
(tentative)

**Proposed timing for discussion**

the Waiting List.

The Administration has also proposed to brief members on the issues arising from securing sites for public housing development to meet long-term demands.

**4. Demolition of buildings at Kennedy Town Comprehensive Development Area**

2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2007  
(tentative)

Proposed by the Administration. The Administration intends to seek the Panel's support for it to obtain funds from the Finance Committee for demolition and ground decontamination works at Kennedy Town Comprehensive Development Area, which is scheduled to commence in July 2007.

**5. Demolition of buildings at Cheung Sha Wan police married quarters and adjacent areas**

2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2007  
(tentative)

Proposed by the Administration. The Administration intends to seek the Panel's support for the Administration to obtain funds from the Finance Committee for demolition works at Cheung Sha Wan police married quarters and adjacent areas, which is scheduled to commence in September 2007.

**6. Report on the outcome of comprehensive structural investigations on Wo Lok Estate and Ma Tau Wai Estate**

2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2007  
(tentative)

Proposed by the Administration. The Administration intends to brief members on the outcomes of the structural investigations on Wo Lok and Ma Tau Wai Estates, which is now in progress and will be completed in December 2006 and March 2007 respectively.

**7. New policy on one-person applicants for PRH**

To be decided

Proposed by Mr Albert CHAN. He was concerned about the impact of the new policy on one-person PRH applicants and would like the Panel to follow up the issue. The Duty Roster Members (DRM) met with representatives of the Society for Community Organization in May 2006 on the latter's concern about the quota and points system for Waiting List non-elderly one-person applicants implemented in 2005. Noting that

**Proposed timing for  
discussion**

the Administration had undertaken to review the scheme after one year of implementation, DRM referred the matter for the Panel's follow-up on the policy issues concerned.

The Administration will provide an interim report on the implementation of the quota and points system for non-elderly one-person applicants by the second quarter of 2007.

**8. Review of public housing allocation policy to strengthen family-based support network**

The ageing population and the continuous decline in birth rate have aroused public concern on the need for a review of the existing housing policies to take into account such demographic changes. To address the problem of ageing population, members urged the Administration to significantly raise the asset limits for the elderly households and relax the PRH eligibility criteria for the elderly in general. The subject was also discussed at the meeting between LegCo Members and the Tsuen Wan District Council on 6 January 2005 and various proposals on how assistance to the elderly could be improved through adjusting the public housing policy were referred to the Panel for necessary follow-up. The referral and the relevant extracts of minutes were circulated to Panel members vide LC Paper No. CB(1)996/04-05 on 25 February 2005.

To be decided

The Chief Executive included in the 2006-2007 Policy Address a new initiative of establishing a family-based support network. In this regard, the Panel would like to be briefed on the Administration's plan to strengthen existing measures to encourage public housing tenants and applicants to live with their parents, so that the public housing programme could help foster a harmonious community with caring family values.