

Panel on Housing

List of follow-up actions for the 2007-08 session (position as at 1 April 2008)

Subject	Date of meeting	Follow-up actions required	Administration's response
1. Allocation of public rental housing (PRH) flats for the elderly to other applicants	5.2.2007	The Administration was requested to assess the effectiveness of the various measures for improving the utilization of Housing for Senior Citizens and report the progress and results to the Panel in 2007-2008 session.	Response awaited
2. Review of public housing allocation policy to strengthen family-based support network	4.6.2007	The Administration was requested to review and report the outcome to the Panel six months after implementation of the Enhanced Transfer Scheme for Harmonious Families the adequacy of and the need for increasing the planned quota of 1 000 flats per year, mainly in the Urban District, to be set aside for the Scheme.	Response awaited
3. Briefing by the Secretary for Transport and Housing on relevant policy initiatives in the Chief Executive's Policy Address 2007-2008	22.10.2007	The Administration agreed to provide in due course the respective numbers of Green Form and White Form applicants in Phase 2 sale of surplus Home Ownership Scheme flats.	Response awaited

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4. Environmentally friendly designs of and green measures implemented in PRH estates	3.12.2007	<p>To facilitate monitoring and review by the Panel of the progress and effectiveness of the environmentally friendly measures adopted in the planning, design and construction of PRH (the measures), the Administration was requested to provide an annual progress report in this regard for the Panel's information starting from the 2007-2008 financial year. The report should set out the following:</p> <p>(a) Details on each of the measures including brief description on the measure, highlights on its implementation and review of its effectiveness over the years, and the target set for the next year, etc; and</p> <p>(b) In connection with item (a), the information should be presented in table form. In reporting the progress made in each measure, information in percentage points or in other quantifiable details should be provided. For example, the information should include the percentage of PRH estates with increase in greening area, the</p>	Response awaited

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		quantity of material recovered with the implementation of measures on "refuse storage and collection design to promote sorting at source" and "source separation of domestic waste programme" etc; and their percentage changes over the years.	
5. Land supply for public housing development	7.1.2008	<p>The Administration was requested to provide the following information:</p> <p>(a) Sites for production of PRH flats from 2012-2013 to 2016-2017 with information on forecast annual production of PRH flats and estimated flat number by sites;</p> <p>(b) Further breakdown by district of the about 80% of the new PRH flats under the Public Housing Construction Programme for 2007-2008 to 2011-2012 referred to in paragraph 4 of the Administration's paper (LC Paper No. CB(1)506/07-08(03)) to show that these flats would come from the urban/extended urban areas; and</p>	Response awaited

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		(c) A table showing the annual planned PRH flat production and the annual number of PRH flats estimated to be recovered from the existing stock over the coming five years to demonstrate how the forecast flat supply could meet the demand in order to maintain the average waiting time for PRH at around three years.	
6. Review of the Waiting List Income and Asset Limits for 2008/09	3.3.2008	To address certain members' concern about perceived unfairness arising from the uneven increases in the Waiting List Income Limits (WILLs) for different household sizes, the Administration was requested to provide a further breakdown into 2p, 3p, 4p and so on of the number of 2p+ non-owner occupier households in the private sector within WILLs, which was provided on page 1 of Annex B to the Annex to the Administration's paper on this agenda item.	Administration's response was circulated vide LC Paper No. CB(1)1116/07-08 on 25 March 2008.
7. Assistance to low-income persons in meeting their housing needs	10.3.2008	The Administration was requested to provide the following information: (a) In order to assist low-income persons in meeting their housing	Response awaited

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		<p>needs, the Administration was requested to consider re-introducing the rent allowance for the elderly scheme (the scheme) which was implemented as a pilot scheme in August 2001, extending the scheme to cover non-elderly people living in bedspace and cubicle apartments, lifting the requirement of beneficiaries to receive the allowance in place of the allocation of PRH, and adjusting the rate of the allowance in keeping with the rise in the rents of private rental accommodation as necessary;</p> <p>(b) In consideration of the inhumane living conditions of bedspace and cubicle apartments, the Transport and Housing Bureau was requested to liaise with relevant bureaux including the Home Affairs Bureau to map out a long-term policy aimed at phasing out such undesirable and inhumane private rental accommodation, and to provide a comprehensive plan in this regard;</p>	

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		and (c) To enable members to have a better understanding of the supply of urban PRH flats in the coming years, the Administration was requested to provide a breakdown by year of PRH flats that would come from the urban and extended urban areas, and to provide details on the urban sites secured for production of PRH flats with information on the estimated flat number by site.	