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**Subcommittee to Study Issues Relating to Mainland-HKSAR Families**

**Minutes of the 14<sup>th</sup> meeting**  
**held on Tuesday, 13 July 2010, at 8:30 am**  
**in Conference Room A of the Legislative Council Building**

- Members present** : Hon LEE Cheuk-yan (Chairman)  
Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung (Deputy Chairman)  
Hon Miriam LAU Kin-ye, GBS, JP  
Hon TAM Yiu-chung, GBS, JP  
Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him, SBS, JP  
Hon Audrey EU Yuet-mee, SC, JP  
Hon WONG Kwok-hing, MH  
Hon Ronny TONG Ka-wah, SC  
Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan  
Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che  
Hon WONG Sing-chi
- Members absent** : Hon Albert HO Chun-yan  
Prof Hon Patrick LAU Sau-shing, SBS, JP  
Hon CHAN Hak-kan  
Hon WONG Yuk-man
- Public Officers attending** : Items I and II  
Home Affairs Bureau  
Ms Grace LUI Kit-yuk  
Deputy Secretary for Home Affairs (1)

Item I

Food and Health Bureau

Miss Gloria LO  
Principal Assistant Secretary for Food and Health (Health) 2

Hospital Authority

Dr CHEUNG Wai-lun  
Director (Cluster Services), Hospital Authority

Item II

Housing Department

Mr Tony K L LIU  
Acting Assistant Director (Estate Management) 3

**Attendance by invitation** : Item I

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Ms YEUNG Mei  
Executive Director

關注中港家庭權利聯席

Mr TSANG Koon-wing  
Member

Mainland-Hong Kong Families Rights Association

Mr LAM Tsun-fai  
Member

Item II

New Women Arrivals League

Ms YANG Yuan-liu  
Member

關注中港家庭權利聯席

Mr TSANG Koon-wing  
Member

Mainland-Hong Kong Families Rights Association

Mr CHAN Wai-hung  
Organiser

**Clerk in Attendance** : Miss Betty MA  
Chief Council Secretary (2) 4

**Staff in Attendance** : Ms Yvonne YU  
Senior Council Secretary (2) 5

Miss Maggie CHIU  
Legislative Assistant (2) 4

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**I. Use of subsidised obstetric services by Mainland women whose spouses are Hong Kong residents**  
[LC Paper Nos. CB(2)1999/09-10(01) to (02) and CB(2)2072/09-10(01) to (02)]

The Subcommittee deliberated (index of proceedings attached at **Annex**).

2. Three deputations presented views on the obstetric service arrangements for Mainland women whose spouses were Hong Kong residents. They strongly requested the Administration to revise the existing policy and exclude Mainland spouses of Hong Kong residents from the obstetric service package charge for non-eligible persons ("NEPs").

3. Members generally shared the views of the deputations. While acknowledging the objectives of introducing the obstetric service package charge, members considered that Mainland women whose spouses were Hong Kong residents and their Hong Kong born children were in effect members of Hong Kong families, and should be excluded from the obstetric package charge for NEPs. Moreover, the number of live births born by Mainland women whose spouses were Hong Kong residents was some 3 700 in 2008, this would impose insignificant financial implications on the public resources if these Mainland mothers were excluded from the payment of \$39,000 for obstetric service charge for NEPs. In the circumstances, members strongly urged the Administration to review the policy

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on obstetric service charges and consider introducing an extra tier in the NEP obstetric package charge for Mainland women whose spouses were Hong Kong residents.

4. Principal Assistant Secretary for Food and Health (Health) 2 ("PAS(H)2") said that the objectives of the obstetric service charge arrangement were to ensure that Hong Kong resident women were given priority for proper obstetric service, to limit the number of non-local women coming to Hong Kong to give births to a level that could be supported by the healthcare system in Hong Kong, and to deter non-local pregnant women in seeking emergency hospital admission shortly before labour. Under the prevailing arrangements, all Mainland women with Hong Kong husbands were treated no differently from other NEPs. Taking into account the need to ensure rational use of the finite resources, the heavily subsidised obstetric services were available only to Hong Kong residents on an individual basis, irrespective of whether their spouses were Hong Kong residents. PAS(H)2 advised that the Administration had no intention to introduce an extra tier in the obstetric package charge for NEPs whose spouses were residents of Hong Kong. Under the existing arrangement, eligibility for subsidised public benefits was restricted to holders of Hong Kong Identity Card or children under the age of 11 who were Hong Kong residents. NEPs, including Two Way Permit ("TWP") holders who were spouses of Hong Kong residents, might access public medical services in Hong Kong by paying the specified charges applicable to them.

5. Mr WONG Kwok-hing held the view that the existing obstetric service charge arrangement was detrimental to family unity and social integration and contrary to the Government's call for closer integration with the Mainland. He also took the view that it was unfair that Mainland women whose spouses were civil servants were entitled to the same subsidised rates as local women in using obstetric services in public hospitals, but not other Mainland spouses of Hong Kong residents. PAS(H)2 clarified that civil servants' Mainland spouses were eligible for subsidised obstetric services as part of the civil service medical benefits.

6. Noting that the Hospital Authority ("HA") had reviewed the refund arrangement for obstetric service package charge, Ms Audrey EU took the view that the refund arrangement for booked cases should also be extended to cases involving premature deliveries in the Mainland given that the Mainland mothers had not used the obstetric services in HA hospitals at all. Consideration should be given to making partial refund of the package charge for these cases.

7. Director (Cluster Services)/HA advised that HA had fully deliberated the refund arrangement for obstetric service package charge and decided to revise the amount of refund for cases involving miscarriage, termination of pregnancy or still birth having regard to the fact that the loss of baby in these cases was a very unfortunate event for the family concerned. However, the nature of premature delivery was different from such cases.

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8. Ms Cyd HO was of the view that the Administration should review the waiver mechanism for medical fees and charges within HA in the light of the court judgment on the judicial review of the obstetric service package charge for NEPs.

9. PAS(H)2 and Director (Cluster Services)/HA advised that under the existing waiver mechanism within HA, patients who had financial difficulty in paying for the medical fees and charges in HA might apply for waiver of the relevant fees and charges. To ensure rational use of limited public resources, normally there was no fee waiver for NEP patients for HA services, including obstetric services. Waiver of medical fees and charges for NEP patients would be granted under exceptional circumstances. In the recent court judgment on a judicial review application, the court did not rule on the waiver mechanism, but it requested HA to reconsider the application for fee waiver and fee reduction from the applicant of the case. The above policy would continue to apply to all HA services including obstetric services.

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10. At the request of members, the Administration would provide the guidelines and consideration factors for granting waiver of medical fees and charges for NEP patients for HA services, including obstetric services.

**II. Public housing support services for families with members holding TWPs**

[LC Paper Nos. CB(2)1201/09-10(01), CB(2)1985/09-10(01) and CB(2)2072/09-10(03) to (04)]

11. The Subcommittee deliberated (index of proceedings attached at **Annex**).

12. Three deputations presented views at the meeting. The deputations told the meeting about the imminent housing needs of Mainland single mothers who entered Hong Kong on strength of TWPs to take care of their young Hong Kong born children. Members shared the views of the deputations and requested the Housing Authority to consider relaxing the eligibility criteria for these prospective public rental housing ("PRH") applicants.

13. Assistant Director (Estate Management)3/Housing Department (Atg) ("AD/HD (Atg)") advised that while it was essential for the Housing Authority to balance the housing needs of both the new arrivals and those who had settled in Hong Kong for a longer time, it had endeavoured to process PRH applications from the new arrivals as flexibly as possible. Spouses of PRH tenants could apply for a temporary stay to take care of their families. For divorced cases, if the spouses granted with the custody of the minor child(ren), were holding TWPs and had justified grounds to stay in Hong Kong, for example, a strong need for them to take care of their young Hong Kong children, the Administration would consider

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allowing temporary stay for them on a case-by-case basis, having taken into account the circumstances and merits of the case. As for cases of deceased tenants, if the surviving spouses who entered Hong Kong on strength of TWPs had justified grounds to stay in Hong Kong, for example, to take care of their Hong Kong born young children who were genuinely residing in PRH flats, the Administration would allow them to stay in PRH flats temporarily. In such cases, the Administration might allow an adult relative or the legal guardian of the children to sign the tenancy agreement on behalf of the children.

14. Ms Cyd HO expressed grave concern that under the existing arrangements, Hong Kong born children under the age of 18 and whose single mother were TWP holders could under no circumstances make PRH applications. In the light of the imminent housing needs of these families, she strongly urged the Housing Authority to consider allowing these families to make PRH applications, say, through the Director of Social Welfare who acted as the legal guardian of the children.

15. AD/HD (Atg) stressed that Hong Kong born children to a PRH tenant could be added to the tenancy as authorised occupants and TWP holders could apply for a temporary stay in PRH flats to take care of their young Hong Kong children. In case of resultant overcrowding upon the addition, the tenants could apply for a bigger PRH flat or two flats of suitable size, if so warranted. Persons who failed to meet the residence requirement but had grave difficulties in meeting their imminent housing needs could apply to the Social Welfare Department for PRH under the Compassionate Rehousing category. AD/HD (Atg) advised that in setting the requirement that PRH applicants must be aged 18 or above, the Housing Authority had taken into account the legal considerations and the need of minors for care from adults by living with their parents or guardians. Such requirement applied to all PRH applicants. The proposal of allowing Hong Kong born children to these families to make PRH application would cause unfairness to other PRH waitlistees and give rise to the question as to whether the age requirement of PRH applicants should be lowered.

16. In concluding the discussion, the Chairman suggested and members agreed that the Chairman should write to the Chairman of the Housing Authority conveying members' views and concerns for the consideration of the Housing Authority. Specifically, consideration should be given to granting the tenancy to an adult relative of the Hong Kong children born to Mainland single mothers and allowing their mothers to stay in the flat temporarily to take care of the children.

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**III. Any other business**

17. The Chairman said that subsequent to the meeting on 29 June 2010, he had written to the Secretary for Security urging the Administration to expedite the discussion with the relevant Mainland authorities and make public announcement of the implementation arrangements pertinent to Mainland "overage children" of Hong Kong residents applying for One Way Permit settlement in Hong Kong. Members agreed that the next meeting would be scheduled pending the Administration's response. Members would be informed of the date of the next meeting in due course.

18. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 10:39 am.

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**Proceedings of the 14<sup>th</sup> meeting of the  
Subcommittee to Study Issues Relating to Mainland-HKSAR Families  
on Tuesday, 13 July 2010, at 8:30 am  
in Conference Room A of the Legislative Council Building**

<b>Time marker</b>	<b>Speaker(s)</b>	<b>Subject(s)</b>	<b>Action required</b>
<i>Agenda item I – Use of subsidised obstetric services by Mainland women whose spouses are Hong Kong residents</i>			
000000 - 001113	Chairman Administration	Briefing by the Administration on the obstetric service arrangements for non-eligible persons ("NEPs") in public hospitals [LC Paper No. CB(2)1999/09-10(01)]	
001114 - 001445	Chairman 同根同天空	Presentation of views as detailed in the submission [LC Paper No. CB(2)2072/09-10(01)]  (a) Mainland spouses of Hong Kong residents should be excluded from the NEP obstetric service package charge as they should enjoy the same treatment as local women in using public obstetric service; and  (b) the Administration should convey a clear message to the Mainlanders that they would not be eligible for welfare assistance even though their children had obtained the status of Hong Kong residents upon birth in Hong Kong	
001446 - 001755	關注中港家庭權利聯席	Presentation of views that -  (a) the recent revision of the arrangement to refund obstetric service package charge for booked cases involving the loss of baby had been unduly delay;  (b) the Hospital Authority ("HA") should review the waiver mechanism for fees and charges in HA in the light of the recent court ruling on the judicial review of the obstetric service package charge for NEPs in public hospitals; and  (c) a two-tier structure should be adopted for the NEP obstetric package charge for Mainland spouses of Hong Kong residents and those NEPs with no marital ties in Hong Kong	
001756 - 002104	Mainland-Hong Kong Families Rights Association	Presentation of views as detailed in the submission [LC Paper No. CB(2)2072/09-10(02)]  View that the existing obstetric service charge arrangements were punitive and discriminatory against those Hong Kong residents with Mainland spouses and affected their childbearing plan. Request for the same treatment for Mainland women whose spouses were Hong Kong residents and those whose spouses were civil servants in using public obstetric services	
002105 - 002310	Chairman Administration HA	The Administration and HA's response to the issue raised at the meeting on 19 January 2010 tabled at the meeting [LC Paper No. CB(2)2070/09-10(01)]	

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002311 - 003014	Chairman Mr WONG Kwok-hing Administration	<p>Views of Mr WONG Kwok-hing that -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) the existing obstetric service charge arrangements, which were punitive and discriminatory against those Hong Kong residents whose spouses were Mainlanders, were detrimental to family unity and social integration and contrary to the Government's call for closer integration with the Mainland;</li> <li>(b) it was unfair and illogical that Mainland women whose spouses were civil servants were entitled to the same subsidised rates as local women in using obstetric services in public hospitals, but not other Mainland spouses of Hong Kong residents;</li> <li>(c) given that children born to Mainland mothers and fathered by Hong Kong residents were in fact members of Hong Kong families, these Mainland women should be entitled to use subsidised obstetric service; and</li> <li>(d) it was reasonable to adopt a two-tier structure for the NEP obstetric package charge for Mainland spouses of Hong Kong residents and those NEPs with no marital ties in Hong Kong</li> </ul> <p>The Administration's responses that -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) civil servants' Mainland spouses were eligible for subsidised obstetric services as part of the civil service medical benefits;</li> <li>(b) the objectives of the obstetric service charge arrangement were to ensure that Hong Kong resident women were given priority for proper obstetric service, to limit the number of non-local women coming to Hong Kong to give births to a level that could be supported by the healthcare system in Hong Kong, and to deter non-local pregnant women in seeking emergency hospital admission shortly before labour. Under the prevailing arrangements, all Mainland women with Hong Kong husbands were treated no differently from other NEPs; and</li> <li>(c) taking into account the need to ensure rational use of the finite resources, the heavily subsidised obstetric services were available only to Hong Kong residents on an individual basis, irrespective of whether their spouses were Hong Kong residents</li> </ul>	
003015 - 003400	Mr TAM Yiu-chung Chairman Administration	Views of Mr TAM Yiu-chung that Mainland women with Hong Kong husbands were in effect members of Hong Kong families. Although these NEPs had yet to become residents of Hong Kong under the One Way Permit Scheme, many stayed in Hong Kong on the strength of Two Way Permits ("TWPs") throughout the year and should not be regarded as visitors. Such arrangement would aggravate the dissatisfaction of these families with	

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		<p>the Administration. In the light of the insignificant financial implications of subsidising these Mainland women in using public obstetric services, the Administration should review the policy on obstetric service charges and consider adopting a two-tier structure by applying different charges for Mainland spouses of Hong Kong residents and other NEPs with no marital ties in Hong Kong</p> <p>The Administration's responses that -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) the introduction of the obstetric service charge for NEPs was in line with the recommendation of the Report on the Task Force on Population Policy in 2003 on the eligibility for heavily-subsidised social services; and</li> <li>(b) to tackle the problem of rapid increase in the demand for obstetric services in Hong Kong by non-local women in recent years, which had caused tremendous pressure on the capacity of obstetric service in public hospitals and affected such services to Hong Kong residents, HA had implemented since 1 February 2007 revised arrangements for obstetric service for NEPs</li> </ul>	
003401 - 004132	Ms Audrey EU Chairman HA Administration	<p>Views of Ms Audrey EU that -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) members were of unanimous view that an extra tier in the NEP obstetric package charge for Mainland women whose spouses were Hong Kong residents should be introduced. Users of the obstetric services were not only confined to the Mainland mothers, but also the Hong Kong born children. The Administration should review the unfair policy; and</li> <li>(b) refund of obstetric service package charge for booked cases should also be extended to cases involving premature deliveries in the Mainland</li> </ul> <p>The Administration and HA's response that HA had fully deliberated the refund arrangement for obstetric service package charge and decided to revise the amount of refund for cases involving miscarriage, termination of pregnancy or still birth having regard to the fact that the loss of baby in these cases was a very unfortunate event for the family concerned. However, the nature of premature delivery was different from such cases</p> <p>Ms Audrey EU's reiteration that the above explanation was unacceptable since the Mainland women had not made use of the obstetric service in HA hospitals if they had given birth in the Mainland. Consideration should be given to making partial refund of the package charge for such cases</p>	

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004133 - 005118	Ms Cyd HO Administration HA Chairman	<p>Views of Ms Cyd HO that -</p> <p>(a) the financial implications on HA would be minimal if the Mainland women whose spouses were Hong Kong residents were exempted from the NEP obstetric package charge of \$39,000, having regard to the fact that the number of live births in HA hospitals born by Mainland women whose spouses were Hong Kong permanent residents in 2009 was only 3 492; and</p> <p>(b) the Administration should expedite the review of the waiver mechanism for medical fees and charges within HA in the light of the court judgment on the judicial review of the obstetric service package charge for NEPs</p> <p>The Administration and HA's responses that -</p> <p>(a) the objective of introduction of NEP obstetric charge package was to ensure that Hong Kong resident women were given proper and adequate obstetric services by limiting the number of NEPs coming to Hong Kong to give births at a level that could be supported by the public healthcare system; and</p> <p>(b) under the existing waiver mechanism within HA, patients who had financial difficulty in paying for the medical fees and charges in HA might apply for waiver of the relevant fees and charges. To ensure rational use of limited public resources, normally there was no fee waiver for NEP patients for HA services, including obstetric services. Waiver of medical fees and charges for NEP patients would be granted under exceptional circumstances. As regards the recent court judgment on a judicial review application, the court did not rule on the waiver mechanism, but it requested HA to reconsider the application for fee waiver and fee reduction from the applicant of the case</p> <p>Ms Cyd HO's request for the HA guidelines on granting waiver of medical fees and charges for NEP patients for HA services</p>	
005119 - 005830	Mr CHEUNG Kwok-che Chairman Administration	<p>Views of Mr CHEUNG Kwok-che that the Administration should consider providing obstetric services in public hospitals to those NEPs whose spouses were Hong Kong residents only. This would alleviate the pressure on the Hong Kong's capacity of obstetric service in public hospitals</p> <p>The Chairman's enquiry whether the Administration would consider applying a higher charge for obstetric service in respect of Mainland women whose spouses were not Hong Kong residents</p>	

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		The Administration's response that it had no intention to introduce an extra tier in the obstetric package charge for NEPs whose spouses were not residents of Hong Kong. Under the existing arrangement, eligibility for subsidised public benefits was restricted to holders of Hong Kong Identity Card or children under the age of 11 who were Hong Kong residents. NEPs, including TWP holders who were spouses of Hong Kong residents, might access public medical services in Hong Kong by paying the specified charges applicable to them	
005831 - 010048	Chairman 關注中港家庭權利聯席 Administration HA	Calling for restoration of the obstetric service arrangements to that in 2003, i.e. Mainland women whose spouses were Hong Kong residents were entitled to the same treatment and fees as local women in using public obstetric service	
010049 - 010602	Ms Cyd HO Chairman HA	HA's advice that -  (a) the number of live births born by Mainland women whose spouses were Hong Kong permanent residents in 2006 and 2008 were some 5 000 and some 3 700 respectively. The decreasing trend was due to a rising number of Mainland women gave births in private hospitals in Hong Kong;  (b) the respective numbers of live births born by Mainland women whose spouses were not Hong Kong permanent residents were 6 800, 4 800, 6 700 and 6 740 from 2006 to 2009; and  (c) the maximum capacity for providing obstetric services in HA hospitals was 38 000 in 2006 while the current annual capacity had been increased to 42 000	
010603 - 011246	Chairman HA Mr WONG Kwok-hing Ms Cyd HO Mr CHEUNG Kwok-che	Reiteration on the no-refund policy and the refund arrangement for obstetric service package charge for booked cases under special circumstances as well as the fee waiver mechanism. HA would provide the guidelines and consideration factors for granting waiver of medical fees and charges for NEP patients for HA services, including obstetric services	<b>Admin/HA</b>
<i>Agenda item II – Public housing support services for families with members holding Two Way Permits</i>			
011247 - 011526	Chairman Administration	Briefing by the Administration on the public housing support services for families with members holding TWPs [LC Paper No. CB(2)1201/09-10(01)]	
011527 - 011850	Chairman New Women Arrivals League	Presentation of views as detailed in the submission [LC Paper No. CB(2)2072/09-10(03)]  Concerns about the hardship and difficulties faced by families with Hong Kong-born children under the age of 18 and Mainland single mothers on TWPs who did not meet the eligibility criteria for public rental housing ("PRH") application	

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011851 - 012212	關注中港家庭權利聯席	<p>Presentation of views</p> <p>Concerns about the imminent housing needs of Mainland single mothers on TWPs and their Hong Kong resident children. Taking into account that these Mainland single mothers were virtually staying in Hong Kong throughout the year, the Housing Department should take into account the special circumstances of these families and accept their application for PRH flats on compassionate grounds</p>	
012213 - 012709	Mainland-Hong Kong Families Rights Association Chairman	<p>Presentation of views as detailed in the submission [LC Paper No. CB(2)2072/09-10(04)]</p> <p>Call for the Housing Authority to consider allowing Mainland single mothers with Hong Kong born children to make PRH application in the light of the strong need for these Mainland mothers to take care of their young Hong Kong children and the imminent housing needs of these families</p>	
012710 - 013805	Mr TAM Yiu-chung Chairman Administration	<p>Views of Mr TAM Yiu-chung that it would be difficult, if not impossible, for Hong Kong children born to Mainland single mothers to make PRH application through an adult relative or a legal guardian. The Housing Authority should consider relaxing the eligibility criteria for these prospectus applicants</p> <p>The Administration's responses that -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) it was the established policy that eligibility for subsidised public benefits was restricted to Hong Kong permanent residents;</li> <li>(b) the Housing Authority maintained a Waiting List for eligible persons or family members to apply for accommodation in PRH estates. It was essential for the Housing Authority to balance the housing needs of both the new arrivals and those who had settled in Hong Kong for a longer time;</li> <li>(c) Hong Kong born children to a PRH tenant could be added to the tenancy as authorised occupants; TWP holders could apply for a temporary stay in PRH flats to take care of their young Hong Kong children; and</li> <li>(d) in setting the requirement that PRH applicants must be aged 18 or above, the Housing Authority had taken into account the legal considerations and the need of minors for care from adults by living with their parents or guardians. Such requirement applied to all PRH applicants</li> </ul>	
013806 - 015508	Ms Cyd HO Chairman Administration	<p>Concern about the ineligibility for PRH application of Hong Kong-born children under the age of 18 and whose single mothers were TWP holders</p>	

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		<p>The Administration's advice that for cases of deceased tenants, if the surviving spouses who entered Hong Kong on strength of TWPs had justified grounds to stay in Hong Kong, e.g. to take care of their Hong Kong born young children who were genuinely residing in PRH flats, the Housing Authority would allow them to stay in PRH flats temporarily. In such cases, the Housing Authority might allow an adult relative or the legal guardian of the children to sign the tenancy agreement on behalf of the children</p> <p>Ms HO's suggestion of allowing Hong Kong children born to Mainland single mothers, who were not living in a PRH flat, to make PRH application through the Director of Social Welfare who acted as the legal guardian of the children</p> <p>The Administration's advice that under the current arrangement, Hong Kong born children to a PRH tenant could be added to the tenancy as authorised occupants. In case of resultant overcrowding, the tenants could apply for a bigger PRH flat or two flats of suitable size, if so warranted. Persons who failed to meet the residence requirement but had grave difficulties in meeting their imminent housing needs could apply to the Social Welfare Department for PRH under the Compassionate Rehousing category</p> <p>Views of Ms Cyd HO and the Chairman that under the existing policy, TWP holders with dire need of looking after their young children in Hong Kong were not eligible for PRH applications. The Administration should actively consider and review the housing policy and support services for these families</p> <p>The Administration's advice that the above proposal would cause unfairness to other PRH waitlistees and give rise to the question as to whether the age requirement of PRH applicants should be lowered</p>	
015509 - 020135	Chairman Mainland-Hong Kong Families Rights Association Administration	Views of the deputation that the Administration should provide clear guidelines for frontline social workers on the support services for families with TWP holders in meeting their imminent housing needs, in particular PRH application under the Compassionate Rehousing category	
020136 - 020853	Ms Miriam LAU Chairman Administration	Views of Ms Miriam LAU that clear guidelines should be drawn up in respect of processing of PRH applications from families with members holding TWPs and the operation of the discretionary mechanism	
020854 - 021019	Chairman	Suggestion of the Chairman that the Subcommittee should write to the Housing Authority expressing members' concerns and views on the support services for families with members holding TWPs, in particular those families which were not eligible for PRH applications	

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