

Panel on Housing

**List of outstanding items for discussion
(position as at 23 January 2009)**

**Proposed timing for
discussion**

1. Review of the Waiting List Income and Asset Limits

March 2009

The Housing Authority reviews the Waiting List Income and Asset Limits annually. The Administration would brief Members on the outcome of the 2008-09 review. The approved new limits will take effect from April 2009.

2. Green Roof in the Fu Shan Estate Market

March 2009

*(Without a fixed
timing for discussion
before)*

The Administration would like to report to members one of the first green initiatives introduced to an existing estate.

3. Enhancing services for tenants of public rental housing through information technology

March 2009

*(New item proposed by
the Administration)*

The Housing Authority would like to update members on the development of information technology to improve tenant services. These new initiatives help to break the barriers in conventional services.

4. Construction programme of public housing

April 2009

*(The item was
originally scheduled
for discussion in the
first quarter, 2009)*

Members hold the view that more land should be made available for constructing public housing with a view to reducing the average waiting time to below three years. The Housing Authority is also requested to advise the compatibility of its internal building guidelines with that adopted by the Buildings Department.

Proposed timing for discussion

5. Thematic greening for the urban area in and adjoining Choi Wan Road, Jordan Valley and Lower Ngau Tau Kok

The project is to support the public housing development at Choi Wan Road/Jordan Valley and the redevelopment of existing Lower Ngau Tau Kok Estate. It serves to bring noticeable improvements to the urban areas through enhancement of greening to slopes, streetscape and pedestrian linkages. The project is scheduled to commence in April 2010. The Administration would seek the Panel's support to obtain funds from the Legislative Council Public Works Subcommittee in February 2010 and Finance Committee in March 2010.

December 2009
(The item was originally scheduled for discussion in June 2009)

6. Implementation of the new rent adjustment mechanism

The Housing (Amendment) Bill 2007, including the establishment of a new income-based rent adjustment mechanism for public rental housing, was passed by the Legislative Council in June 2007. The Administration is requested to brief members on the implementation of the mechanism.

Second quarter, 2009

7. Outsourcing of management of public housing estates

Members are concerned about the impact of outsourcing the work of management staff, which is currently undertaken by civil servants, to private management agencies, particularly on the enforcement of the Marking Scheme for Estate Management Enforcement in Public Housing Estates.

Second quarter, 2009

8. Policy on Interim Housing

Relevant concern groups will be invited to attend discussion on the subject.

To be confirmed

9. Public housing for elderly persons

To be confirmed

Proposed timing for discussion

10. Policy on Safeguarding Rational Allocation of Public Housing Resources

To be confirmed

Members consider that it may not be fair to exclude well-off tenants from relief measures introduced by the Administration, including the one-month rent-free period.

11. Review of the Landlord and Tenant (Consolidation) Ordinance (Cap. 7)

To be confirmed

To follow up on the referral arising from the meeting between Duty Roster Members and the "全港租客大聯盟" on 21 November 2008 regarding the request for review of the Ordinance (LC Paper No. CB(1) 314/08-09(01))

12. Supply and cost of liquefied petroleum gas in public housing estates

To be confirmed

To follow up on a submission from the Mutual Aid Committee of Ka Man House of Oi Man Estate referred to the Panel by the Complaints Division regarding the high cost of liquefied petroleum gas supplied in public housing estates (LC Paper No. CB(1) 630/08-09). Similar submissions from the same organization were circulated vide LC Paper Nos. CB(1) 329, 513 and 528/08-09