

Panel on Housing**List of outstanding items for discussion
(position as at 26 February 2009)****Proposed timing for
discussion****1. Construction programme of public housing**

April 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.

2. Clearance arrangement for Tung Tau Block 22

April 2009

*(New item proposed by
the Administration)*

The Administration would like to update members on the progress of the clearance arrangement for Tung Tau Block 22 as a follow-up to the report of the findings of its Comprehensive Structural Investigations in February 2008.

3. Progress on Public Engagement for Public Housing Development

May 2009

*(New item proposed by
the Administration)*

The Administration would like to brief members on the progress made as regards the public engagement through focus group prior to all large-scale development projects.

4. Progress on the provision of barrier-free access in public housing estates

May 2009

*(New item proposed by
the Administration)*

The Administration would like to update members on how it has provided and created a barrier-free living environment for the disabled and elderly tenants in public rental housing estates. The Housing Authority will provide facilities and carry out landscape improvements to cater for the elderly in estates with large number of elderly tenants, and will continue to carry out flat alterations in accordance with elderly tenants' individual needs or as advised by their therapists.

Proposed timing for discussion

5. Mobile office in rendering services in public housing estates

June 2009
(New item proposed by the Administration)

The Administration would like to report to members the deployment of mobile office strategy in the services for tenants in public rental housing estates.

6. Twin Tanks Design in Public Housing Estates

June 2009
(New item proposed by the Administration)

The Administration would like to report to members on the introduction of twin-water tanks on the roofs of all new public rental housing blocks from late 2009 onwards. These twin tanks will enable uninterrupted water supplies to tenants, with one tank remaining in service while the other is cleaned. Apart from the additional convenience to tenants, this innovation will also save water and improve the durability of the roof structure in the long term.

7. Implementation of the new rent adjustment mechanism

Second quarter, 2009

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.

8. Outsourcing of management of public housing estates

Second quarter, 2009

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.

Proposed timing for discussion

9. Upgrading of security systems in public housing estates

Third quarter, 2009
(New item proposed by the Administration)

The Administration would like to brief members on the upgrade of the CCTV System in the public rental housing estates starting from 2008/09. With the upgrading of the security system, the property management, housing security and lift car monitoring could be enhanced.

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

December 2009

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.

11. Policy on Interim Housing

To be confirmed

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

12. Public housing for elderly persons

To be confirmed

13. 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.

Proposed timing for discussion

14. 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)).

15. 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) 329/08-09, CB(1) 513/08-09 and CB(1) 528/08-09.