

THE HONG KONG HOUSING AUTHORITY

Memorandum for the Housing Authority

Membership of the Housing Authority and its Committees for 2003/04

PURPOSE

This paper informs Members of the decision of the Chief Executive to appoint the Secretary for Housing, Planning and Lands (SHPL) as Chairman of the Housing Authority with effect from 1 April 2003 and other appointments to the Authority. It also seeks Members' approval to the proposed appointments to the Committees of the Authority.

APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN, HOUSING AUTHORITY

2. In October 2002, Members were informed vide Paper No. HA 52/2002 of proposed legislative amendments to the Housing Ordinance (Cap. 283) to enable SHPL to be eligible for appointment as the Chairman of the Authority, and to make consequential amendments so that the power of appointment of the Appeal Panel under the Housing Ordinance is transferred from SHPL to the Chief Executive. SHPL's speech at Resumption of the Second Reading of the Housing (Amendment) Bill 2002 is at **Annex A**. In his speech, SHPL paid a warm tribute to the contribution made by Dr. CHENG Hon-kwan, GBS, JP to the work of the Authority in the last two and a half years.

3. Following the commencement of the Housing (Amendment) Ordinance 2003 on 28 March 2003, the Chief Executive has appointed SHPL as the Chairman of the Authority with effect from 1 April 2003. Dr. CHENG Hon-kwan, GBS, JP has retired as Chairman and Member of the Authority on the same day.

APPOINTMENTS TO HOUSING AUTHORITY

4. The Chief Executive has also approved the following re-appointments and new appointments to the Authority for a term of two years with effect from 1 April 2003 -

Re-appointments -

Mr. Philip Trevor NUNN, JP

Mr. CHUNG Shui-ming, GBS, JP

Mr. Michael CHOI Ngai-min

Mr. HO Sai-chu, SBS, JP

Hon. IP Kwok-him, JP

Mr. George NG Sze-fuk, BBS, JP

Prof. Patrick LAU Sau-shing, SBS

Hon. CHAN Kam-lam, JP

Ms Teresa CHENG Yeuk-wah, SC

Dr. the Hon. David CHU Yu-lin, JP

Dr. Martin KWONG Hoi-chau

Hon. SIN Chung-kai

New appointments -

Mr. LIU Sing-cheong

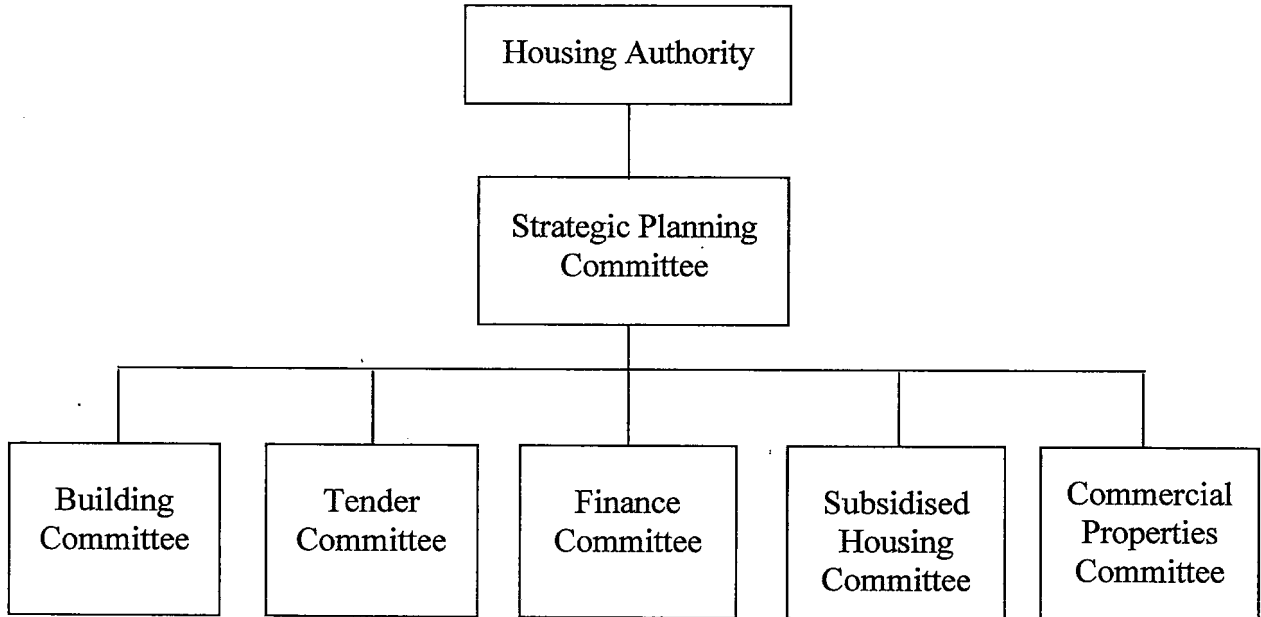
Hon. Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan, JP

5. Mr. Eddy FONG Ching, SBS, JP, Mr. Raymond CHOW Wai-kam, JP, Ms Iris TAM Siu-ying, JP and Mr. Alex CHOY Kan-pui, BBS, JP retired from the Authority and its Committees on 1 April 2003.

----- 6. A membership list of the Authority for 2003/04 is at **Annex B**.

PROPOSED MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES

7. At meeting of the Authority held on 13 March 2003, Members approved, among other things, the following new Committee structure proposed in Paper No. HA 14/2003 to take effect from 1 April 2003 -



8. The proposed membership of the Authority Committees under the new structure is set out below.

(A) *Strategic Planning Committee*

*Secretary for Housing, Planning and Lands (*Chairman*)

*Mr. Walter CHAN Kar-lok, BBS, JP

*Hon. NG Leung-sing, JP

*Mr. NG Shui-lai, JP

*Mr. Philip Trevor NUNN, JP

*Prof. Patrick LAU Sau-shing, SBS

*Mr. CHAN Bing-woon, SBS, JP

*Mr. WONG Kwun

*Prof. Richard WONG Yue-chim, SBS, JP

*Director of Housing or representative

Secretary for the Environment, Transport and Works or representative

Director of Planning or representative

Director of Home Affairs or representative

* *Member of the Housing Authority*

(B) *Building Committee*

- *Mr. Philip Trevor NUNN, JP (*Chairman*)
- *Hon. IP Kwok-him, JP
- *Mr. CHENG Yan-kee, JP
- *Prof. Patrick LAU Sau-shing, SBS
- *Dr. Martin KWONG Hoi-chau
- *Hon. SIN Chung-kai
- Mr. Andrew CHAN Ping-chiu
- Mr. Rocco YIM Sen-kee
- *Director of Housing or representative
- Secretary for the Environment, Transport and Works or representative
- Director of Planning or representative

(C) *Tender Committee*

- *Prof. Patrick LAU Sau-shing, SBS (*Chairman*)
- *Mr. CHAN Bing-woon, SBS, JP
- *Mr. Philip Trevor NUNN, JP
- *Mr. Michael CHOI Ngai-min
- *Mr. HO Sai-chu, SBS, JP
- *Hon. IP Kwok-him, JP
- *Mr. CHENG Yan-kee, JP
- *Ms Teresa CHENG Yeuk-wah, SC
- *Director of Housing or representative

(D) *Finance Committee*

- *Hon. NG Leung-sing, JP (*Chairman*)
- *Prof. Richard WONG Yue-chim, SBS, JP
- *Mr. CHUNG Shui-ming, GBS, JP
- *Dr. the Hon. David CHU Yu-lin, JP
- *Hon. SIN Chung-kai
- Mr. KWOK Kwok-chuen, BBS
- Mr. Eddie NG Hak-kim
- Mr. Kenneth YUNG Kai-tai
- Mr. Bruce LIU Sing-lee
- Mrs. Agnes MAK TANG Pik-yee, JP
- Mr. Joseph FAN Wai-kuen

* *Member of Housing Authority*

- *Director of Housing or representative
- *Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury or representative
- Secretary for the Civil Service or representative

(E) *Subsidised Housing Committee*

- *Mr. NG Shui-lai, JP (*Chairman*)
- *Ms SIU Yuen-sheung, BBS, JP
- *Mr. CHAN Bing-woon, SBS, JP
- *Mr. WONG Kwun
- *Prof. Richard WONG Yue-chim, SBS, JP
- *Mr. Michael CHOI Ngai-min
- *Hon. CHAN Kam-lam, JP
- *Mr. LIU Sing-cheong
- Mr. HO Hei-wah, BBS
- Mr. Albert SO Chun-hin
- Miss WONG Lai-chun
- Miss IP Chiu-ping
- Mr. SHIH Wing-ching
- *Director of Housing or representative
- Director of Social Welfare or representative
- Director of Home Affairs or representative

(F) *Commercial Properties Committee*

- *Mr. Walter CHAN Kar-lok, BBS, JP (*Chairman*)
- *Mr. George NG Sze-fuk, BBS, JP
- *Hon. CHAN Kam-lam, JP
- *Dr. the Hon. David CHU Yu-lin, JP
- *Mr. LIU Sing-cheong
- *Hon. Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan, JP
- Mrs. Pamela CHAN WONG Shui, BBS, JP
- Mr. Raymond LAI Wing-chueng
- Mr. Paul CHUNG Kwok-cheung
- Mr. Augustine WONG Ho-ming
- *Director of Housing or representative
- Director of Social Welfare or representative

* *Member of the Housing Authority*

9. Brief notes on new Authority Members and the proposed Committee Members who have not previously served on the Authority or its Committees are at **Annex C**.

RECOMMENDATION

10. It is recommended that the proposals in paragraph 8 above be approved.

DECLASSIFICATION

11. We propose that this paper be declassified upon approval of the proposals at paragraph 8 above by Members. The paper will be made available to the public at the Housing Authority homepage, the Department's Library and through the Departmental Access to Information Officer if it is declassified.

PRESUMPTION

12. It is not thought that Members will object to the recommendations in paragraphs 8 and 11 above. If the Committees' Secretary (Tel.: 2761 5030 and Fax: 2761 0019) does not receive any objection or request for discussion **before noon on Friday, 4 April 2003**, Members' approval will be presumed and action will be taken accordingly.

13. We will announce the new membership of the Committees after Members have approved the proposals. We suggest Members treat the information contained in this paper as **CONFIDENTIAL** until then.

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**Speech by Secretary for Housing, Planning and Lands
on the Resumption of
Second Reading Debate on Housing (Amendment) Bill 2002
at the Meeting of Legislative Council on 19 March 2003**

Madam President,

Under the prevailing Housing Ordinance, only non-official members of the Housing Authority (HA) are eligible for appointment by the Chief Executive to be the Chairman of HA. The main purpose of the Housing (Amendment) Bill 2002 (the "Bill") is to implement one of the recommendations of the Report on the Review of the Institutional Framework for Public Housing, i.e., to enable the Secretary for Housing, Planning and Lands to become the Chairman of HA in future.

2. During the debate just now, Honourable Members have expressed their insightful views on how the necessary arrangements should be made. I am somewhat disappointed that the Honourable Albert HO Chun-yan did not raise what he said just now at the meeting of the Bills Committee on Housing (Amendment) Bill 2002 ("Bills Committee"). If he had done that, we could have thoroughly discussed those views at the Bills Committee stage. Today's meeting, however, does not provide an opportunity for debating such views. The purpose of today's Bill (SIC) is relatively restricted. However, I hope Madam President can allow me to give a brief response to one or two of the points raised, just like what the Honourable Frederick FUNG Kin-kee has done.

3. First of all, I accept and agree with most of the viewpoints of the Honourable Frederick FUNG Kin-kee. In the context of the related historical background, we should understand why we have such arrangements and proposals. The Honourable Albert HO Chun-yan has mainly put forth two points. He asks why we do not carry out a comprehensive reform. In fact, this is a matter of pace. If we convert the existing statutory body into an advisory body at one go, the scale of the "operation" will be huge. As HA is an independent organisation and a financially autonomous statutory body, a reform in this regard is tantamount to a major "operation". If this is to be achieved at one go, we believe we need one to two years of time. This, however, is only a conservative estimate. We therefore hope that the work in this area (chairmanship of HA) can be carried out as soon as possible. The reform in fact needs to be carried out step by step.

4. Secondly, the question about whether the Secretary for Housing, Planning and Lands already charged with heavy responsibilities can respectfully perform his duty as the Chairman. Here I can make it very

clear that there is no need to worry about it. This is because such a duty is in fact a major area of the existing responsibilities of the Secretary for Housing, Planning and Lands. Nonetheless, in the process of policy formulation, he must secure the support of HA. Issues covered by HA's terms of reference must be appropriately arranged so that HA can give full support to the policies concerned, thus bringing the government policies into focus. In this way, the policies can be implemented more easily upon introduction.

5. Under the accountability system, statutory and advisory bodies relating to housing affairs should be responsible to the Secretary for Housing, Planning and Lands. The new arrangement of appointing the Secretary for Housing, Planning and Lands to be the Chairman of HA is conducive to the integration of the HA operations into the overall decision-making process of the Government, thus enabling the Secretary for Housing, Planning and Lands to have a firm grasp of and to assume full responsibilities for the implementation and formulation of all administrative strategies and all other policies. It also allows for greater accountability to the Legislative Council and the public on the housing policies and programmes of the Government.

6. HA provides housing subsidies to half of the population in Hong Kong and shoulders the important responsibility of ensuring the allocation of our valuable public housing resources to the most needy families in society. Since its establishment in 1973, HA has had three non-official Chairmen. They have made great contributions to the achievements of HA and the development of public housing in Hong Kong. Dr. CHENG Hon-kwan, the incumbent Chairman, was appointed two and a half years ago. With his brilliant professional knowledge and rich experience in management, he has proactively and successfully steered HA to meet numerous challenges, which include enhancing the quality of public housing, participating in the review of the institutional framework for public housing, collaborating with the Government in the implementation of new housing policies and continuously improving the services of HA to the public. I would like to take this opportunity to pay my warmest tribute to Dr. CHENG for his invaluable contributions to society.

7. Besides, I would also like to express my gratitude to the Honourable Howard YOUNG, Chairman of the Bills Committee, and other Members, for their contributions to the smooth deliberation of the Bill and their support to the resumption of the second reading. I hope that Honourable Members will support this Bill.

8. Thank you, Madam President.

The Hong Kong Housing Authority 香港房屋委員會
 Membership and Composition – 2003/2004
 2003/2004 年度委員名單

Secretary for Housing, Planning and Lands (<i>Chairman</i>)	房屋及規劃地政局局長 (主席)
Director of Housing (<i>Vice-chairman</i>)	房屋署署長 (副主席)
Ms SIU Yuen-sheung, BBS, JP	蕭婉嫦女士, BBS, JP
Mr. Walter CHAN Kar-lok, BBS, JP	陳家樂先生, BBS, JP
Mr. CHAN Bing-woon, SBS, JP	陳炳煥先生, SBS, JP
Hon. NG Leung-sing, JP	吳亮星議員, JP
Mr. NG Shui-lai, JP	吳水麗先生, JP
Mr. WONG Kwun	王 坤先生
Prof. Richard WONG Yue-chim, SBS, JP	王于漸教授, SBS, JP
Mr. Philip Trevor NUNN, JP	林菲臘先生, JP
Mr. CHUNG Shui-ming, GBS, JP	鍾瑞明先生, GBS, JP
Mr. Michael CHOI Ngai-min	蔡涯棉先生
Mr. HO Sai-chu, SBS, JP	何世柱先生, SBS, JP
Hon. IP Kwok-him, JP	葉國謙議員, JP
Mr. George NG Sze-fuk, BBS, JP	吳仕福先生, BBS, JP
Mr. CHENG Yan-kee, JP	鄭恩基先生, JP
Prof. Patrick LAU Sau-shing, SBS	劉秀成教授, SBS
Hon. CHAN Kam-lam, JP	陳鑑林議員, JP
Ms Teresa CHENG Yeuk-wah, SC	鄭若驊女士, SC
Dr. the Hon. David CHU Yu-lin, JP	朱幼麟議員, JP
Dr. Martin KWONG Hoi-chau	鄺海疇博士
Hon. SIN Chung-kai	單仲偕議員
Mr. LIU Sing-cheong	廖勝昌先生
Hon. Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan, JP	張宇人議員, JP
Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury, <i>with Permanent Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury (Treasury) or Deputy Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury (Treasury) (2) as his alternate</i>	財經事務及庫務局局長 (財經事務及庫務局常任秘書長(庫務) 或財經事務及庫務局副秘書長(庫務) (2)候補)
Director of Lands, <i>with Deputy Director of Lands (General) as his alternate</i>	地政總署署長 (地政總署副署長(一般事務)候補)
Secretary : Deputy Director of Housing / Corporate Services	秘書 : 房屋署副署長(機構事務)

Brief Notes on New Members – 2003/04

(A) Housing Authority Members

Mr. LIU Sing-cheong (廖勝昌先生)

(Subsidised Housing Committee and Commercial Properties Committee)

Mr. Liu is a chartered estate surveyor and real estate consultant. He is the Managing Director of Hang Cheong Surveyors Ltd. Mr. Liu has served as a member of the Commercial Properties Committee since April 1999.

Hon. Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan, JP (張宇人議員)

(Commercial Properties Committee)

Mr. Cheung is a businessman and a restaurateur. He is a Member of the Legislative Council representing the Functional Constituency (Catering) and a Member of the Eastern District Council. Mr. Cheung is also a Member of the LegCo Panel on Housing.

(B) Committee Members

Mr. Rocco YIM Sen-kee (嚴迅奇先生)

(Building Committee)

Mr. Yim is a widely acclaimed Hong Kong architect. He is the Executive Director of Rocco Design Ltd.

Mr. Joseph FAN Wai-kuen (樊偉權先生)

(Finance Committee)

Mr. Fan is an accountant and a partner of RSM Nelson Wheeler. He is also a member of the Hong Kong Housing Society Supervisory Board and its Audit Committee.

Mr. SHIH Wing-ching (施永青先生)

(Subsidised Housing Committee)

Mr. Shih is a real estate agency executive. He is the Managing Director of Centaline Property Agency Ltd.

Mr. Paul CHUNG Kwok-cheung (鍾國昌先生)

(Commercial Properties Committee)

Mr. Chung is a solicitor. He is a partner of Cheung, Chan & Chung Solicitors & Notaries.

Mr. Augustine WONG Ho-ming (黃浩明先生)

(Commercial Properties Committee)

Mr. Wong is an estate surveyor. He is the General Manager of the Property Development Department of Henderson Land Development Co. Ltd. Mr. Wong is a member of Estate Agents Authority.