

Panel on Housing**List of outstanding items for discussion
(position as at 1 February 2011)****Proposed timing for
discussion****1. Product certification of construction materials** March 2011

The Administration would like to brief members that the Housing Authority (HA) has spearheaded the implementation of product certification in its construction projects in stages in 2010/2011, for promoting quality assurance of construction materials through upstream control.

2. Review of the Income and Total Net Asset(s) Limits March 2011

Every year, HA reviews the Waiting List (WL) income and asset limits for PRH according to the established mechanism to reflect the latest socio-economic changes. The Administration intends to report the findings of the review of WL income and asset limits for 2011 – 12 to the Panel in March 2011, and convey Members' comments on the findings to the Subsidised Housing Committee under HA for reference.

Members have expressed concern that the WL income and asset limits should be relaxed to enable more people to be eligible for public rental housing.

3. Marking Scheme for Estate Management Enforcement in PRH estates April 2011

The Administration would like to brief members on the latest progress and effectiveness of the Marking Scheme.

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- 4. Water supply to housing development at Anderson Road (PWP No. B126WC under Head 711)** Q2 2011

The Administration would like to seek the Panel's support to obtain funds from the Legislative Council Public Works Subcommittee in June 2011 and Finance Committee in July 2011 for upgrading the remaining water works to Category A to serve the public housing development at Anderson Road.

- 5. Enhanced partnering arrangements among Estate Management Advisory Committees and non-governmental organizations to promote neighborliness in PRH estates** Q2 2011

The Administration would report on the progress of the enhanced partnering arrangements among Estate Management Advisory Committees and non-government organizations to promote neighborliness in PRH estates.

- 6. Setting up of the Tenants Purchase Scheme Advisory Team (TPSAT)** Q2 2011

The Administration would report on the effectiveness of TPSAT after completion of the review in mid-2011.

- 7. Thematic greening for the urban area in and adjoining Choi Wan Road, Jordan Valley and Lower Ngau Tau Kok** To be confirmed

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 2011. The Administration would seek the Panel's support to obtain funds from the Legislative Council Public Works Subcommittee in December 2010 and Finance Committee in January 2011.

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8. Policy on interim housing

To be confirmed

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

9. Public housing for elderly persons

To be confirmed

A related submission from Society for Community Organization and a referral from Duty Roster Members have been circulated vide LC Paper Nos. CB(1) 1867/08-09(03) and CB(1) 709/09-10(01).

10. Outsourcing of management of public housing estates

To be confirmed

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.

11. Public rental housing for single persons

To be confirmed

Members are concerned about the long waiting time for single-person applicants.

Referrals from Duty Roster Members and meeting between Legislative Council Members and Kwai Tsing District Council members regarding the application, waiting time and allocation of public rental housing flats for non-elderly singletons have been circulated vide LC Paper Nos. CB(1) 1820/09-10(01), CB(1) 2263/09-10(01), CB(1) 549/10-11(01) and CB(1) 2968/09-10(01) respectively.

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12. Issues related to the agreement between the Estate Agents Authority and the China Institute of Real Estate Appraisers and Agents

To be confirmed

Referred to the Panel by the Subcommittee on Estate Agents (Licensing) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulation 2009. The Administration has been requested to report to the Panel progress and operation of the scheme on mutual recognition of qualifications of estate agents on both sides.

The report of the Subcommittee is hyperlinked below for easy reference –

<http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr09-10/english/hc/papers/hccb1-406-e.pdf>

Information paper on "Scheme on the Mutual Recognition of Professional Qualifications of Estate Agents between Mainland and Hong Kong" provided by the Administration has been circulated vide LC Paper No. CB(1) 271/10-11(01).

13. Review of the Policy on Safeguarding Rational Allocation of Public Housing Resources

To be confirmed

Members consider that the Administration should review the Policy following the shelving of the Tenants Purchase Scheme.

14. Restoration of PRH units to original form by tenants upon moving out

To be confirmed

Members consider that restoration should not be required if prospective tenants are willing to take up the PRH units as they are.

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15. Regulating the sale of first-hand private residential flats To be confirmed

The Administration to provide update on the regulation of sale of first-hand flats, particularly the work of the steering committee.

16. Measures to tackle property bubble To be confirmed

Members wish to be briefed on the measures taken/to be taken by the Administration to tackle property bubble.

17. Land supply for housing To be confirmed

Members wish to follow up the issues raised at the last joint meeting with the Panel on Development on 10 December 2010.

18. Review of the Landlord and Tenant (Consolidation) Ordinance (Cap. 7) To be confirmed

Members wish to be briefed on the time frame for review of the Ordinance.

19. Re-launching of Home Ownership Scheme (HOS) and revitalization of the HOS Secondary Market To be confirmed

Members wish to be briefed on the Administration's latest position on the issues.