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The officers at the meeting said for the later housing benefit offered to the local civil servant, such as the Home Purchase Scheme or Home Finance Scheme after 1980, the Old Housing Scheme Member can have a choice to surrender back the Housing Scheme to the Coopt Societies and changed to the new benefit scheme. But do they know, such surrender is subject to there is some one in the civil service who is willing to take over the membership of the Coopt Society. For GBHS, there was even no Coopt Society Organisation. Another point is the arrear land premium payment requirement was only made known to the Housing Scheme members in 1985 by a CSR and the calculation method was released even in 1987. By that time, most of the Old Housing Scheme members had almost reached the retirement age or even already retired. Even one wished to shift, the enjoyment period of the house allowance was only few years. How could one afford to pay for the balance of loan for the new property after the retirement. We are loyal and justice Civil Servant, we do not have other channel to get more income.

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