

## **Subcommittee to study the Urban Renewal Authority White Bill**

### **Concerns raised at the meeting on 11 January 2000**

Members requested the Administration -

- (a) to consider the provision of an appeal mechanism for proposals to be implemented by way of a development project. Members are concerned that whether a development project should proceed is entirely decided by the Administration without the participation of members of the public or independent bodies;
- (b) to list out the factors to be considered by the Secretary and the Town Planning Board in deciding whether or not to authorize a development project and a development scheme to proceed respectively should there be unwithdrawn objections;
- (c) to advise in writing the agreement reached by the Administration with the Hong Kong Housing Society concerning rehousing of persons displaced by development schemes and development projects undertaken by the Urban Renewal Authority; and
- (d) to reconsider the option of providing loans to tenants affected by the redevelopment projects of the Urban Renewal Authority for the purpose of purchasing flats in the private sector. Members are of the view that this would relieve the demand on public rental housing.

Legislative Council Secretariat

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