

Information Paper for LegCo Panel on Housing Policy on Splitting of Tenancy upon Redevelopment

Purpose

This paper informs Members of the arrangement concerning splitting of domestic tenancy upon redevelopment.

Existing Policy/Practice

2. Under existing policy, splitting of domestic tenancy in public housing estates, whether upon redevelopment or not, is normally not allowed. As public housing resources are scarce in relation to demand, priority to public rental housing (PRH) should be given to applicants on the Waiting List rather than to existing PRH tenants requesting splitting of tenancy. Members of a PRH household may however apply for allocation of separate flats through the Waiting List.
3. If splitting upon redevelopment is approved, only the splinter household with Housing Department's separate reference number printed on screening form of clearance operation or application numbers for public rental housing will be rehoused to the announced reception estate. Other splinter groups will be rehoused to refurbished flats.
4. In case the spouse of tenant's married child is allowed to be added into the tenancy, the tenant and his/her children are required to sign "no splitting" undertaking at the time of addition in order to guard against possible abuse and queue jumping. Subsequent application for splitting in these cases will not normally be considered except under very special circumstances. For such exceptional cases, the splinter family will be rehoused to interim housing instead of refurbished public rental flats.

Review on Comprehensive Redevelopment Programme

5. The Housing Authority undertook a review on the implementation of the Comprehensive Redevelopment Programme in June 1999. The review concluded that there is a need to strictly adhere to the established policy of rehousing those splinter families who had signed "no splitting" undertaking to interim housing only in order to guard against possible abuse and queue jumping for public rental housing.

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