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Select Committee on Building Problems of Public Housing Units

Revised Work plan of the Select Committee and time frame

I Collection and collation of relevant information

(3 weeks) (late February to mid-March 2001)

1. To identify the problems in the production of public housing units as revealed in the investigations into the incidents undertaken by various bodies; and
2. To ascertain the present progress in the institution of criminal proceedings against persons involved in the incidents.

(internal deliberations)

II Examination and comparison of the existing working mechanisms for the production of housing units subject to and exempted from the Buildings Ordinance

(9 weeks) (mid-March to late May 2001)

1. To study the internal working of the Housing Authority, the Housing Society, the Housing Bureau and the Housing Department on the production of public housing units and the interface of these authorities;
2. To analyse the line of command and the staffing structure within the Housing Department in overseeing the production of public housing units;
3. To examine the policies, procedures, practices and institutional structure of the relevant authorities, including the Housing Authority, which may have bearing on the quality of public housing units;
4. To understand the experience and the practical difficulties encountered by the staff of the Housing Department in the production of public housing units, and the degree of compliance with the standards laid down by the Housing Department; and
5. To understand the differences between the working mechanism for the production of housing units which are subject to the provisions of the Buildings Ordinance for ensuring building quality and those which are exempted.

(Witnesses to be invited: Housing Authority, Housing Society, Housing Bureau, Housing Department, staff associations, relevant persons of a specific public housing development project, works departments, building professional bodies, building professionals and persons with extensive experience on production of both private and public housing units) (Visits to construction sites where necessary)

III Ascertaining the causes of and/or circumstances leading to the building problems in the four incidents

(3 months) (from June up to the week of 9 July, early September to October 2001)

1. To ascertain the causes and/or circumstances leading to the building problems in the four incidents; and
2. To understand the roles of different parties involved in the four incidents and the extent of responsibility of the parties concerned.

(Witnesses to be invited: persons involved in the four incidents)

IV Identification of improvement measures

(2 months) (November and December 2001)

1. Based on the evidence collected from II to III, to find out from the authorities concerned the extent of their awareness of the problems in the production of public housing units and any actions taken/contemplated to address the problems, if any;
2. To analyse the staffing structure, line of command and new initiatives adopted by the authorities for ensuring quality in the production of public housing units in future; and
3. Subject to the completion of the review on the institutional framework for public housing headed by the Chief Secretary, to analyse how the proposals consequent to the review would help bring about a more effective process on the production of public housing units.

(Witnesses to be invited: Housing Authority, Housing Society, Housing Bureau, Housing Department and professional bodies)

V Drafting of and discussion on report

(2 months) (December 2001 and January 2002)

1. To discuss the approach in drafting the report of the Select Committee; and
2. To discuss the draft report.

(internal deliberations)

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