

立法會
Legislative Council

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Paper for the House Committee meeting on 10 January 2003

**Priority allocation of a debate slot to the Select Committee on
Building Problems of Public Housing Units**

Purpose

This paper invites the House Committee to consider the request of the Select Committee on Building Problems of Public Housing Units (the Select Committee) for priority allocation of a debate slot to move a motion for debate on its first report on 12 February 2003.

Background

2. On 7 February 2001 the Council appointed by resolution a select committee to inquire into the building problems in Tin Chung Court, Shatin Area 14B Phase 2, Shek Yam Estate Phase 2 and Tung Chung Area 30 Phase 3 and to identify recommendations to improve the quality of public housing at institutional and policy levels. A copy of the resolution passed by the Council is in **Appendix I**.

3. As at the date of this paper, the Select Committee has held 70 hearings and 115 meetings. Save for the circumstances surrounding the Tin Chung Court incident, the Select Committee has completed inquiry of the matters specified in the resolution which appointed it. Lately the Select Committee has obtained new information in relation to the Tin Chung Court incident which has bearings on its findings and observations. It therefore needs more time to examine the new information. In order not to delay reporting its work to the Council, the Select Committee has decided to make its first report to the Council at the meeting on 22 January 2003. The first report covers its findings on the overall policies and

system of public housing and the incidents on Shatin Area 14B Phase 2, Shek Yam Estate Phase 2 and Tung Chung Area 30 Phase 3, and its recommendations arising therefrom.

Motion debate on the first report of the Select Committee

4. The matters inquired by the Select Committee are of wide public concern. The findings and observations made by the Select Committee will serve as a future reference for avoiding the same building problems uncovered in the incidents and improving the quality of public housing. For the purpose of enabling Members and public officers to express views on the findings and observations of the Select Committee, the Select Committee has decided that the Chairman on its behalf should move a motion debate on its first report on 12 February 2003. The wording of the motion is in **Appendix II**

5. For Members' reference, it has been the practice for the chairman of a select committee to move a motion to endorse the report of the select committee after its tabling in the Council.

Priority allocation of a slot to debate the first report of the Select Committee

6. The newly added House Rule 14A provides for the arrangements for allocation of slots for debates to chairmen of committees of the Council. House Rule 14A(h) stipulates that committees and subcommittees of the Council may make a request for priority allocation of debate slots which shall be considered by the House Committee on a case-by-case basis. Should the House Committee accede to such a request, the debate slot shall not be counted as the mover's own motion.

7. Pursuant to House Rule 14A(h), the Select Committee requests the House Committee to consider priority allocation of a debate slot to its Chairman to move a motion for debate on its first report at the Council meeting on 12 February 2003.

Advice sought

8. Members are invited to consider the request of the Select Committee in paragraph 7 above.

Council Business Division 1
Legislative Council Secretariat
7 January 2003

**立法會會議
2001年2月7日**

本會委任一個專責委員會，就天頌苑、沙田第 14B 區第二期、東涌第 30 區第三期及石蔭邨第二期 4 宗事件的情況，調查建造公營房屋單位時出現的建築問題，並藉此尋求積極建議，徹底改革整體公營房屋的政策及架構，包括研究應否重組、分拆或廢除房屋委員會，以提高公營房屋的質素；而該委員會在執行其職務時獲授權根據《立法會(權力及特權)條例》(第 382 章)第 9(2)條行使該條例第 9(1)條所賦予的權力。

**Legislative Council meeting
on 7 February 2001**

That this Council appoints a select committee to inquire into the building problems in the production of public housing units having regard to the circumstances surrounding the incidents in Tin Chung Court, Shatin Area 14B Phase 2, Tung Chung Area 30 Phase 3 and Shek Yam Estate Phase 2, and based on this to identify positive recommendations for a complete overhaul of the overall policies and system of public housing, which should include examining whether the Housing Authority should be reorganized, split or abolished, so as to raise the quality of public housing; and that in the performance of its duties the committee be authorized under section 9(2) of the Legislative Council (Powers and Privileges) Ordinance (Cap. 382) to exercise the powers conferred by section 9(1) of that Ordinance.

2003年2月12日(星期三)
立法會會議席上
劉健儀議員就"專責委員會第一份報告"
提出的議案

議案措辭

"本會通過《公營房屋建築問題專責委員會第一份報告》。"

(Translation)

**Motion on "First Report of the Select Committee"
to be moved by Hon Miriam LAU Kin-ye
at the Legislative Council meeting
on Wednesday, 12 February 2003**

Wording of the Motion

"That this Council endorses the First Report of the Select Committee on Building Problems of Public Housing Units."