

**Work Plan of the Select Committee
on Building Problems of Public Housing Units**

I Collection and Collation of Relevant Information

(From late February 2001 to mid-April 2001)

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

II Examination of the Existing Working Mechanisms for the Production of Housing Units Exempted from the Buildings Ordinance

(From mid-April 2001 to late June 2001)

1. Study the internal working of the Housing Authority, the Housing Bureau and the Housing Department on the production of public housing units and the interface of these authorities;
2. Analyze the line of command and the staffing structure within the Housing Department in overseeing the production of public housing units;
3. Examine the policies, procedures, practices and institutional structure of the Housing Authority and the Housing Department, which may have bearing on the quality of public housing units; and
4. 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.

III Ascertaining the Causes of and/or Circumstances Leading to the Building Problems in the Four Incidents

(From late June 2001 to late May 2002 and December 2002)

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

IV Identification of Improvement Measures

(From late May 2002 to mid-July 2002)

1. Understand the working mechanism of the Housing Society for the production of housing units which are subject to the provisions of the Buildings Ordinance for ensuring building quality;
2. Examine the views of building professions on ways to improve the building quality of public housing;
3. Analyze the 50 Quality Housing Initiatives adopted by the Housing Authority for ensuring quality in the production of public housing units after the four incidents; and
4. Devise recommendations on ways to improve building quality of public housing.

V Drafting of and Discussion on the First Report

(From mid-July 2002 to mid-January 2003)

1. Prepare and deliberate on the draft of the first report;
2. Provide relevant part of the draft report to witnesses for comments; and
3. Examine witnesses' comments in finalizing the first report.