

Panel on Housing

List of outstanding items for discussion
(position as at 6 October 2003)

Proposed timing for discussion

1. Development of infrastructure to tie in with housing projects

To be confirmed.

To monitor the progress of the infrastructural development to tie in with housing projects. Members may wish to consider the issue in conjunction with the Panel on Transport.

2. Sales descriptions of overseas uncompleted residential properties

To be deleted upon receipt of updated progress report from the Administration.

Arising from a referral from Duty Roster Members (DRMs) on problematic uncompleted residential properties in Mainland China (LC Paper No. CB(1) 529/98-99), members wish to be consulted on the regulations governing the sales descriptions of overseas uncompleted residential properties.

3. Rehousing arrangements for the elderly, disabled and low income tenants affected by the Comprehensive Redevelopment Programme

To be confirmed

Members consider that the Administration should take into account the special needs of the elderly, disabled and low income families in offering rehousing arrangements upon redevelopment of public housing estates. Consideration should also be given to granting rent reduction under the Rent Assistance Scheme to elderly tenants upon rehousing.

4. Rehousing arrangements for residents affected by land resumption

To be confirmed

Raised at the meetings between LegCo Members and members of North District Council and Tuen Mun District Council on 22 February 2001 and 3 May 2001 respectively. The subject had been referred to the Complaints Division and a case conference was held on 27 March 2001. At the meeting, DRMs considered that residents affected by land

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resumption should not be required to undergo the income-cum-asset test for PRH since they were displaced as a result of the Administration's resumption exercise. Some members also requested the Administration to delete the requirement for affected residents to have registered on the 1984/85 Squatter Occupancy Survey in order to be eligible for rehousing to PRH.

5. Review of domestic rent policy

To be confirmed

On the advice of the Administration and with the concurrence of the Chairman, the subject was scheduled for discussion upon the completion of the domestic rent review.

In the Judicial Review in respect of the Housing Authority (HA)'s decisions to defer the review of public rental housing (PRH) rents in 2001 and 2002, the Court of First Instance ruled in favour of the two applicants for the Judicial Review. Pursuant to this outcome, a special meeting was called to discuss the issue of median rent-to-income ratio for PRH flats. During the meeting, the issue of rent review was raised. A motion urging the Administration to review the rent of PRH units following the High Court's making of an order in respect of the Judgement was passed.

6. General Rent Allowance Scheme

To be confirmed

The subject was proposed by the Administration.

7. Bedspace apartment

To be confirmed

At the Panel meeting on 6 January 2003, Mr Albert HO proposed to discuss the latest development of the issue.