Panel on Housing

List of outstanding items for discussion

(position as at 29 December 2005)

Proposed timing for discussion

1. Public consultation on policy on public housing rent

The subject was proposed by the Administration.

6 February 2006

2. Review of income and asset limits for Waiting List applicants

The subject was proposed by the Administration.

6 March 2006

3. Provision of District Open Space adjacent to public housing estates

The subject was proposed by the Administration.

Second quarter of 2006

4. Impact of the relaxation of security of tenure on tenants

Proposed by Mr Frederick FUNG. He expressed concern that landlords were able to evict tenants without compensation after the relaxation of security of tenure. Tenants, particularly those who were marginally not eligible for PRH, also had difficulties in finding suitable alternative accommodation due to the surge in rentals after the relaxation. Similar concerns were raised in the referrals from Duty Roster Members circulated vide LC Paper Nos. CB(1) 2301/04-05 and CB(1) 67/05-06.

To be decided

5. Policy on express allocation of PRH flats

To be decided

Proposed by Mr Albert CHAN. He would like the Administration to brief the Panel on the policy and existing arrangements on express allocation of PRH flats. The Administration has provided updated information on the Policy on Express Flat Allocation Scheme vide LC Paper No. CB(1) 249/05-06(01) on 9 November 2005.

Proposed timing for discussion

6. Allocation of PRH flats for the elderly to other PRH applicants

Proposed by Mr WONG Kwok-hing. He called upon the Panel to discuss the general issue of allocating PRH flats for the elderly to other categories of PRH applicants.

To be decided

7. New policy on one-person applicants for PRH

Proposed by Mr Albert CHAN. He was concerned about the impact of the new policy on one-person PRH applicants and would like the Panel to follow up the issue. To be decided

8. Flat supply in the private sector

Raised by Mr LEE Wing-tat. He would like to be briefed on the latest progress in this regard.

To be decided

9. Briefing by the Estate Agents Authority

The subject was proposed by the Administration.

To be decided

10. Review of public housing policy to take into account changes in demographics in Hong Kong

The ageing population and the continuous decline in birth rate have aroused public concern on the need for a review of the existing housing policies to take into account such demographic changes. To address the problem of ageing urged the Administration population, members significantly raise the asset limits for the elderly households and relax the PRH eligibility criteria for the elderly in general. The subject was also discussed at the meeting between LegCo Members and the Tsuen Wan District Council on 6 January 2005 and various proposals on how assistance to the elderly could be improved through adjusting the public housing policy were referred to the Panel for necessary follow-up. The referral and the relevant extracts of minutes were circulated to Panel members vide LC Paper No. CB(1) 996/04-05 25 February 2005.

To be decided

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