

Panel on Housing

List of outstanding items for discussion
(position as at 26 June 2006)

**Proposed timing for
discussion**

1. Policy on express allocation of public rental housing flats

Proposed by Mr Albert CHAN. He would like the Administration to brief the Panel on the policy and existing arrangements on express allocation of public rental housing (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.

To be decided

2. 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

3. 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. The Duty Roster Members (DRM) met with representatives of the Society for Community Organization in May 2006 on the latter's concern about the quota and points system for Waiting List non-elderly one-person applicants implemented in 2005. Noting that the Administration had undertaken to review the scheme after one year of implementation, DRM referred the matter for the Panel's follow-up on the policy issues concerned.

To be decided

Proposed timing for discussion

4. 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

5. 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 population, members urged the Administration to 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 on 25 February 2005.

To be decided

6. Demarcation and management of common areas in public housing estates sold under the Tenants Purchase Scheme (TPS)

The issue was raised at the meeting between LegCo Members and the Kwai Tsing District Council (KTDC) on 8 December 2005. Concerns about the principles and guidelines on the demarcation of common areas under TPS, and the obligations between the Housing Authority (HA) and The Link Management Ltd. as reflected in the sale agreement on the divestment of HA's retail facilities were referred to the Panel for appropriate follow-up on the policy issues concerned. The referral and the relevant extracts of minutes were circulated to members vide LC Paper No. CB(1)1189/05-06 on 28 March 2006.

To be decided

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discussion**

7. Provision and management of facilities in public housing estates

Relevant cases were raised at the meeting between LegCo Members and KTDC on 8 December 2005. KTDC members' views on the programme to replace hollow main doors of public housing units and the need to install lift towers and footbridges in public housing estates built on slopes were referred to the Panel for appropriate follow-up on the policy issues concerned. The referral and the relevant extracts of minutes were circulated to members vide LC Paper No. CB(1)1189/05-06 on 28 March 2006.

To be decided