

Panel on Housing

List of outstanding items for discussion (position as at 28 March 2007)

Proposed timing for discussion

1. Demolition of buildings at Kennedy Town Comprehensive Development Area

Proposed by the Administration. The demolition works at Kennedy Town Comprehensive Development Area is scheduled to commence in September 2007. The Administration intends to seek the Panel's support to obtain funds from the Finance Committee.

May 2007

2. Report on the outcome of comprehensive structural investigations on Wo Lok Estate and Ma Tau Wai Estate

Proposed by the Administration. The structural investigations on Wo Lok Estate and Ma Tau Wai Estate were completed in December 2006 and March 2007 respectively. The Administration intends to brief the Panel on the findings and necessary improvement works.

May 2007

3. Review of public housing allocation policy to strengthen family-based support network

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

June 2007

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discussion**

members vide LC Paper No. CB(1)996/04-05 on 25 February 2005.

The Chief Executive included in the 2006-2007 Policy Address a new initiative of establishing a family-based support network. In this regard, the Panel would like to be briefed on the Administration's plan to strengthen existing measures to encourage public housing tenants and applicants to live with their parents, so that the public housing programme could help foster a harmonious community with caring family values.

4. Land supply for public housing development and problems encountered in proposed public housing development

Proposed by Mr CHAN Kam-lam at the meeting on 12 October 2006. He expressed concern about the opposition raised by certain District Councils to Housing Authority's proposed housing development programmes in their respective districts, which may have implications on the disposal of HA sites and pace of flat allocation under the Waiting List.

To be decided

The Administration has also proposed to brief members on the issues arising from securing sites for public housing development to meet long-term demands.

5. 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 and February 2007 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**

The Administration will provide an interim report on the implementation of the quota and points system for non-elderly one-person applicants by the second quarter of 2007.

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