Panel on Housing

List of follow-up actions for the 2006-07 session

(position as at 2 November 2006)

	Subject	Date of meeting	Follow-up actions required	Administration's response
1.	Overview of the work of the Estate Agents Authority (EAA)	6.2.2006	EAA was requested to provide the number of candidates sitting for the qualifying examinations over the past few years and an analysis of the complaints received.	EAA's response was circulated vide LC Paper No. CB(1)2334/05-06 on 10 October 2006.
2.	Review of Domestic Rent Policy	26.9.2006	The Ad Hoc Committee on Review of Domestic Rent Policy (the Ad Hoc Committee) has recommended developing a new rent adjustment mechanism with an income index tracking the movement in the household income of public rental housing (PRH) tenants to guide future rent adjustments. To facilitate members in understanding the recommendation, the Administration was requested to take the following actions: (a) To elaborate in writing the details of the new mechanism covering the following aspects - (i) The operation of the new	was circulated vide LC Paper No. CB(1) 144/06-07 on 23 October 2006.

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		mechanism, including the development of the proposed income index based on the two examples put forward in the powerpoint presentation at the meeting (slides no. 6 and 7 of Annex B to LC Paper No. CB(1)2241/05-06(01)); and (ii) The possible downsides of the new mechanism. For instance, how the mechanism can tackle the problem of poor PRH tenants having to pay rents amounting to a very high	
		proportion of their incomes; (b) To provide the relevant information on the recommendation submitted by the Ad Hoc Committee to the Housing Authority.	
3. Briefing by the Secretary for Housing, Planning and Lands on relevant policy initiatives in the Chief Executive's Policy Address 2006/2007		 The Administration was requested to take the following actions: (a) To provide breakdown on the sales figures by estates of Phases 6A and 6B of the Tenants Purchase Scheme; and (b) To report to the Panel in due course 	Administration's response was circulated vide LC Paper No. CB(1) 169/06-07 on 26 October 2006. Response awaited.

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		on problems encountered in proposed public housing development, in particular in relation to the disposal of Housing Authority (HA) sites, and on the solutions worked out by HA to address the problems.	

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