

Panel on Housing

List of outstanding items for discussion
(position as at 1 April 2008)

Proposed timing for discussion

1. Rent holiday for lower income public housing tenants

Proposed by the Administration. The Financial Secretary proposed in the 2008-2009 Budget that the Government will pay one month's rent for the lower income families living in the rental units of the Hong Kong Housing Authority and the Hong Kong Housing Society. The Administration will consult Members on the funding proposal.

May 2008

2. Report on the findings of the Comprehensive Structural Investigation on Wah Fu Estate and way forward

Proposed by the Administration. The Comprehensive Structural Investigation of Wah Fu Estate commenced in August 2007 and will be completed in April 2008. The Administration will brief Members on the findings and recommendations of the investigation.

Mid 2008
(tentative)

3. The implementation of the new rent adjustment mechanism

Proposed by Mr WONG Kwok-hing. The Legislative Council passed the Housing (Amendment) Bill 2007 in June 2007 establishing a new income-based rent adjustment mechanism for public rental housing. Mr WONG would like to discuss the implementation of the mechanism.

Mid 2008
(tentative)

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discussion**

4. Proposal to resume the Home Ownership Scheme and the Tenants Purchase Scheme

Last discussed at the Panel meeting held on 7 January 2008. Members agreed to follow up in due course on the developments in the three considerations relevant as to whether the Home Ownership Scheme should be relaunched, namely, the market situation, the turnover of public rental housing flats and community consensus.

June/July 2008
(tentative)

5. The management of retail and car parking facilities in public housing estates after the divestment by the Housing Authority

Proposed by the Chairman.

To be decided

6. Land supply for public housing development

Last discussed at the Panel meeting held on 7 January 2008. Members agreed to follow up in due course on the progress of the Administration's efforts made to ensure sufficient supply of land for public housing development.

To be decided

7. Disclosure of saleable area in sales descriptions for residential properties

Last discussed at the Panel meeting held on 3 March 2008. Members agreed to continue to follow up the issue when the relevant parties have achieved a consensus on the calculation of floor area.

To be decided