

Panel on Housing

**List of outstanding items for discussion
(position as at 30 October 2009)**

**Proposed timing for
discussion**

1. Review of the Landlord and Tenant (Consolidation) Ordinance (Cap. 7)

December 2009

To follow up on the referrals arising from the meeting between Duty Roster Members and the Society for Community Organization (SOCO) and "全港租客大聯盟" on 17 and 21 November 2008 respectively regarding the request for review of the Ordinance (LC Paper Nos. CB(1) 1354/08-09(01), CB(1) 314/08-09(01) and CB(1) 1354/08-09(02)).

2. Progress report on the addition of lifts and escalators in Housing Authority's existing public housing estates

December 2009

The Administration would like to brief members on the progress of the addition of lifts and escalators in Housing Authority's existing public housing estates.

3. Review of Housing Advisory and Service Team in Tin Shui Wai

December 2009

The Administration would like to brief members on the review of implementing the pilot scheme of the Housing Advisory and Service Team in Tin Shui Wai with services commenced in mid-April 2008.

4. Effectiveness of Quality Reform for Piling Works

January 2010

The Administration would like to brief members on the quality reform measures that have been implemented by the Housing Authority to enhance the quality of the piling works since 2000 and the improvements achieved in different aspects of piling works for public housing projects.

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5. Review of the Waiting List Income and Asset Limits

March 2010

The Housing Authority reviews the Waiting List Income and Asset Limits annually. The Administration would brief members on the outcome of the 2010/11 review. The approved new limits will take effect from April 2010.

6. Thematic greening for the urban area in and adjoining Choi Wan Road, Jordan Valley and Lower Ngau Tau Kok

June 2010

The project is to support the public housing development at Choi Wan Road/Jordan Valley and the redevelopment of existing Lower Ngau Tau Kok Estate. It serves to bring noticeable improvements to the urban areas through enhancement of greening to slopes, streetscape and pedestrian linkages. The project is scheduled to commence in December 2010. The Administration would seek the Panel's support to obtain funds from the Legislative Council Public Works Subcommittee in November 2010 and Finance Committee in December 2010.

7. Implementation of the new rent adjustment mechanism

June / July 2010

The Administration would like to inform members on the outcome of the first rent review under the new rent adjustment mechanism.

8. Policy on interim housing

To be confirmed

Relevant concern groups will be invited to attend discussion on the subject.

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9. Public housing for elderly persons

To be confirmed

A related submission from SOCO has been circulated vide LC Paper No. CB(1) 1867/08-09(03).

10. Outsourcing of management of public housing estates

To be confirmed

Members are concerned about the impact of outsourcing the work of management staff, which is currently undertaken by civil servants, to private management agencies, particularly on the enforcement of the Marking Scheme for Estate Management Enforcement in Public Housing Estates.

11. Re-launching of Home Ownership Scheme, Tenants Purchase Scheme (TPS) and Home Starter Loan Scheme

To be confirmed

In view of the surging property prices, members consider it necessary for the Government to seriously consider re-launching the Home Ownership Scheme, TPS and Home Starter Loan Scheme to assist those low-income families to achieve home ownership.

12. Management of TPS estates

To be confirmed

Members would like to be briefed on the progress made in resolving the problems arising from management of TPS estates with a mix of tenants and owners.

13. Rehousing of residents living in cottage areas, bedspace apartments, cubicles and rooftop structures

To be confirmed

The Administration is requested to brief the Panel on the latest progress of rehousing of the residents concerned.

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discussion**

14. Public rental housing for single persons

To be confirmed

Members are concerned about the long waiting time for single-person applicants.

15. Asset enhancement initiatives (AEI) by The Link Real Estate Investment Trust

To be confirmed

Members are concerned about the need for AEI as this will undoubtedly lead to rent increase, which will eventually pass on to consumers who are mainly tenants of public housing estates.