

**Legislative Council Panel on Development**

**Letter from Hon CHAN Han-pan on offering  
concession on water charges and rent relief to public housing tenants  
affected by the “excess lead found in drinking water” incident**

The letter ref. CB1/PL/DEV dated 21 September 2015 from Clerk to Panel on Development relays request of the Panel Chairman for a written response from bureau/departments/authorities concerned to the request of Hon CHAN Han-pan in his letter dated 16 September 2015, and whether there will be any concessionary measures for occupants of private resident units affected by the same incident. This note sets out our response.

2. We understand the inconvenience caused by the incident to the affected tenants of the public rental housing estates and some of them are concerned about compensation in terms of rent or water charges etc. Having taken note of such concerns, the Transport and Housing Bureau (THB) will study these requests. Moreover, the THB considers that the most urgent and pressing task is to take necessary follow-up actions, including the provision of safe drinking water to affected tenants and follow-up on cases with excessive blood lead level.

3. As to occupants of private buildings, our current priority is to take all necessary enhancement measures to ensure drinking water safety for the public at large.

**Development Bureau  
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