

Panel on Housing**List of outstanding items for discussion
(Position as at 27 February 2015)**

	Proposed timing for discussion
<p>1. Rent payment for public housing tenants</p> <p>The Administration would like to brief members on the Government's proposal to pay one month's rent for lower income tenants living in public rental units of the Hong Kong Housing Authority and the Hong Kong Housing Society.</p>	April 2015
<p>2. Energy Saving Initiatives in New Public Housing Developments</p> <p>The Administration would like to report and update members on the energy saving initiatives implemented by the Hong Kong Housing Authority in new public housing developments.</p>	April 2015
<p>3. Marking Scheme for Estate Management Enforcement in Public Housing Estate</p> <p>The Administration would like to brief members on the latest progress and effectiveness of the Marking Scheme, as well as the impact of outsourcing of management of public housing estates on the enforcement of the Marking Scheme.</p>	April 2015
<p>4. The Work of the Sales of First-hand Residential Properties Authority</p> <p>The Administration would like to update members on the implementation of the Residential Properties (First-hand Sales) Ordinance and the work of the Sales of First-hand Residential Properties Authority.</p>	May 2015
<p>5. Progress Report on Addition of Lifts to Existing Public Rental Housing Estates</p> <p>The Administration would like to brief Members on the progress of the Lift Addition Programme for adding lifts and footbridges in the Hong Kong Housing Authority's existing public rental housing estates.</p>	May 2015

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Referral arising from the meeting between Legislative Council Members and Wong Tai Sin District Council members on 27 November 2014 regarding the provision of barrier-free access facilities in Tenants Purchase Scheme estates and improvement to the accessibility of aged public housing estates (LC Paper No. CB(1)524/14-15(01) issued on 6 February 2015).

- 6. Head 711 project no. B177TB - Footbridge Link at Sau Ming Road, Kwun Tong** June 2015

The Administration would like to seek the Panel's support to seek endorsement from the Public Works Subcommittee in November 2015 and obtain funds from the Finance Committee in December 2015 for upgrading the footbridge works to Category A to tie in with the public housing development at Sau Ming Road.

- 7. Head 711 project - Public Transport Interchange at Pak Wan Street, Sham Shui Po** June 2015

The Administration would like to seek the Panel's support to seek endorsement from the Public Works Subcommittee in December 2015 and obtain funds from the Finance Committee in January 2016 for upgrading the Public Transport Interchange to Category A to tie in with the public housing re-development at Pak Tin Estate.

- 8. Performance of the Environmental Targets and Initiatives of the Hong Kong Housing Authority in 2014/15** July 2015

The Administration would like to update members on the performance of the Hong Kong Housing Authority in respect of its environmental targets and initiatives in 2014-2015.

- 9. Progress of the Total Maintenance Scheme** July 2015

The Administration would like to brief members on the latest progress of the Total Maintenance Scheme.

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- 10. Policies and measures on overcrowding relief and tackling under-occupation in public rental housing estates** To be confirmed

Members requested the Administration to review the policies, standards and measures on overcrowding relief and tackling under-occupation in public rental housing estates and to report to the Panel.

- 11. Review of the Well-off Tenants Policies** To be confirmed

Arising from the discussion at the Panel meeting on 1 November 2010 on "Stepped-up checking of household income and assets of public rental housing tenants", members considered that the Administration should review the policy on Safeguarding Rational Allocation of Public Housing Resources lest this might force grown-up children to move out from their parents' public rental housing units.

At the Panel meeting on 10 October 2013, members expressed the view that the income and asset limits under the Well-off Tenants Policies should be reviewed to ensure that they were in step with current situation in the market and society, and to safeguard the rational allocation of public housing resources.

- 12. Policy on the redevelopment of old public rental housing estates** To be confirmed

At the work plan meeting on 25 October 2012, members requested the Administration to consider formulating a policy on redeveloping old public rental housing estates.

In her letter dated 3 April 2014, Miss Alice MAK requested the Administration to brief the Panel on the progress made in studying the redevelopment potential of Kwai Shing West Estate and related matters, such as the redevelopment proposal and rehousing arrangements (LC Paper No. CB(1)1206/13-14(01) issued on 4 April 2014).

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- 13. Role and positioning of the Hong Kong Housing Society in the Government's housing policy** To be confirmed

Further to the discussion at the Panel meeting on 4 March 2013 and the subsequent correspondence exchange between Mr WONG Kwok-hing and the Administration on issues relating to the Shau Kei Wan Mixed Scheme Project developed by the Hong Kong Housing Society ("HKHS"), the Administration was requested to review the role and positioning of HKHS in the Government's housing policy (the letter from Mr WONG Kwok-hing dated 7 March 2013 and the reply from the Administration dated 5 April 2013 were circulated under LC Paper Nos. CB(1)680/12-13(01) and CB(1)818/12-13(01) respectively).

Also, pursuant to the discussion at the Panel meeting on 5 May 2014, members wished to follow up the mechanism for adjusting domestic rents by HKHS, and urged HKHS to provide needy tenants with rental assistance.

- 14. Provision of transitional housing** To be confirmed

Raised by members at the Panel meeting on 10 October 2013. Members would like to discuss the suggestion that the Administration should consider constructing transitional housing in the urban area for public housing applicants and those in need.

- 15. Progress report on the phasing out programme of Housing for Senior Citizens and public housing for the elderly** *At the work plan meeting held on 27 November 2014, the Administration was requested to provide a paper on the latest development of this item.*

The vacancy rate of Housing for Senior Citizens Type 1 ("HS1") design has been high since late 1990s in view of the increasing applicants' preference for self-contained public housing units. A phasing-out programme to convert some vacant HS1 units into normal public housing flats has been implemented since 2006, and subsequently been extended to all HS1 units in March 2011. The Administration has reported the progress of the programme to the Hong Kong Housing Authority in March 2012 and a review was conducted in February 2013.

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A related submission on public housing for the elderly from the Society for Community Organization and a referral from Duty Roster Members were circulated vide LC Paper Nos. CB(1)1867/08-09(03) and CB(1)709/09-10(01) respectively.

16. Management and maintenance of public facilities provided in Home Ownership Scheme courts and public housing estates To be confirmed

At the Panel meeting on 3 November 2014, members expressed concern about the use of public facilities provided in Home Ownership Scheme courts, Tenants Purchase Scheme estates, public rental housing estates, as well as those premises managed by The Link by non-residents of the courts/estates concerned and the resultant management and maintenance issues. They requested the Administration to brief the Panel on the measures to deal with such issues.