

Panel on Housing

List of follow-up actions
(position as at 2 April 2015)

Subject	Date of meeting	Follow-up action requested	Administration's response
1. Receiving public views on "Measures to tackle under-occupation in public rental housing estates"	17.6.2014	<p>The Administration to reflect to the Hong Kong Housing Authority that it should conduct the following reviews and inform the Panel of the review outcome –</p> <p>(a) to review the under-occupation policy with a view to exempting those households which have been rehoused to larger units due to special circumstances, in particular the previous tenants of public rental housing estates built using seawater and tenants affected by redevelopment and who were rehoused to units in harmony blocks; and</p> <p>(b) for households that have become Prioritized Under-occupied households as a result of the death of their family members, to review whether the six-month period currently allowed for such households to continue to stay in their existing units is too short.</p>	Response awaited.

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<p>2.1 Briefing by the Secretary for Transport and Housing on the Chief Executive's 2015 Policy Address</p> <p>2.2 Refining the Quota and Points System ("QPS") and checking the eligibility of applicants under QPS</p>	<p>2.2.2015</p>	<p>In relation to the Chief Executive's announcement in his speech on The 2015 Policy Address that he had proposed to the Hong Kong Housing Authority that suitable flats should be identified among its public rental housing developments under construction for sale to Green Form applicants in the form of a pilot scheme with prices set at a level lower than those of the Home Ownership Scheme flats, the Administration to provide full implementation details of the scheme when available, including prices, eligibility and allocation criteria, restrictions on resale etc.</p> <p>The Administration to provide information on –</p> <p>(a) the number of public rental housing applicants under QPS whose applications were originally due for detailed vetting but were subsequently deferred due to the refinement made to QPS, and the relevant remedial measures; and</p> <p>(b) the impact brought by the refinement made to QPS on the non-elderly one-person applicants with disabilities but were ineligible for compassionate rehousing, and the relevant relief measures offered to these applicants.</p>	<p>Response awaited.</p> <p>Response awaited.</p>
<p>3.1 Review of Special Stamp Duty and Buyer's Stamp Duty</p>	<p>2.3.2015</p>	<p>In view that a Hong Kong company owned by another company incorporated overseas (such as a British Virgin Islands company) may circumvent stamp duty</p>	<p>Response awaited.</p>

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3.2 Review of Income and Asset Limits for Public Rental Housing ("PRH") for 2015/16		<p>and profits tax by effecting property transaction through the transfer of shares of the overseas company, the Administration to provide the following information –</p> <p>(a) the number of such transactions and the corresponding percentage represented in the past 12 months; and</p> <p>(b) the measures in place to tackle the problem and to recover the stamp duty and profits tax that have been circumvented.</p> <p>The Administration to provide information on the number of PRH applicants who are family members of PRH households, and to consider compiling relevant statistics if such information is unavailable.</p>	Response awaited.
4. Receiving public views on the Long Term Housing Strategy and housing-related initiatives in the 2015 Policy Address	21.3.2015	In relation to the redevelopment of aged public rental housing estates, the Administration to provide information explaining why the Wah Fu Estate is considered suitable for redevelopment while the Kwai Shing West Estate is not.	Response awaited.