

Panel on Housing

List of follow-up actions
(position as at 22 May 2015)

Subject	Date of meeting	Follow-up action requested	Administration's response
1.1 Briefing by the Secretary for Transport and Housing on the Chief Executive's 2015 Policy Address	2.2.2015	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.	The Panel will discuss the subject "Green Form Subsidised Home Ownership Pilot Scheme" at the regular meeting on 1 June 2015. The discussion paper provided by the Administration was issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(1)884/14-15(05) on 22 May 2015.

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1.2 Refining the Quota and Points System ("QPS") and checking the eligibility of applicants under QPS		<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>The Administration's response was circulated vide LC Paper No. CB(1)827/14-15(01) on 7 May 2015.</p>
2.1 Review of Special Stamp Duty and Buyer's Stamp Duty	2.3.2015	<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 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's response was circulated vide LC Paper No. CB(1)827/14-15(02) on 7 May 2015.</p>

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2.2 Review of Income and Asset Limits for Public Rental Housing ("PRH") for 2015/16		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.	The Administration's response was circulated vide LC Paper No. CB(1)827/14-15(02) on 7 May 2015.
3. 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.	The Administration's response was circulated vide LC Paper No. CB(1)827/14-15(03) on 7 May 2015.
4. Marking Scheme for Estate Management Enforcement in Public Housing Estate ("the Marking Scheme")	14.4.2015	<p>The Administration to –</p> <p>(a) in connection with the enforcement of the Notices-to-quit ("NTQs") issued up to the end of December 2013, provide information on the following –</p> <p>(i) the "social grounds" for considering the re-grant of tenancies, and the measures to prevent those whose tenancies have been re-granted from committing misdeeds again;</p>	Response awaited.

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		<p>(ii) the reasons for cancelling NTQs for each of the 16 tenants concerned;</p> <p>(iii) the timing allowed for tenants to make appeals from the date of issuance of NTQs; and</p> <p>(iv) the time taken to recover each of the 28 flats concerned from the date of issuance of NTQs; and</p> <p>(b) explain the policy inconsistency between the Marking Scheme, under which the entire household is considered in totality, and other housing policies, such as the grant of new tenancy and household splitting, under which the status of individual family member is considered individually.</p>	

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<p>5.1 The Work of the Sales of First-hand Residential Properties Authority ("SRPA")</p>	<p>4.5.2015</p>	<p>SRPA to provide information on –</p> <p>(a) among the 119 complaint cases received by SRPA since the Residential Properties (First-hand Sales) Ordinance ("the Ordinance") came into force, the number and percentage of complaint cases which required further investigations carried out by SRPA, and the names of the vendors concerned; and</p> <p>(b) the number of investigations conducted by SRPA since the Ordinance came into force, and among these cases, the number and percentage of referrals made to the Prosecutions Division of the Department of Justice.</p>	<p>Response awaited.</p>
<p>5.2 Role and positioning of the Hong Kong Housing Society ("HS") in the Government's housing policy</p>		<p>Given that the Hong Kong Housing Society Incorporation Ordinance ("the Ordinance") does not empower the Government to monitor the operation of HS, the Administration to provide information on –</p> <p>(a) the ways to ensure that the four sites that have been allocated to HS for public housing developments as announced in the 2013 and 2015 Policy Addresses would be delivered as planned; and</p> <p>(b) whether it would consider reviewing the Ordinance to empower the Government to monitor the operation of HS.</p>	<p>Response awaited.</p>

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		<p>HS to provide information on –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) the detailed criteria and formula adopted by HS for calculating the rental adjustment for its rental estates;(b) the various social/financial assistance schemes currently available which would duplicate HS's rental assistance to its tenants in need, if introduced; and(c) the basis for calculating the salary adjustment of HS's Supervisory Board members, the annual profits made by HS and the rates of salary adjustment of HS's Supervisory Board members since 1990, and explain how such figures compare with those of other similar independent and not-for-profit organizations, such as the Urban Renewal Authority and the Hong Kong Trade Development Council.	<p>HS's response was circulated vide LC Paper No. CB(1)876/14-15(01) on 21 May 2015.</p>