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Panel on Housing

Meeting on 12 April 2016

Background brief on
"Provision of metal gateset for flat entrance in public rental housing estates"
prepared by the Legislative Council Secretariat

Purpose

1. This paper provides information on the provision of flat entrance metal gateset for public rental housing ("PRH") estates and relevant views and concerns expressed by Members.

Background

2. A policy objective of the Hong Kong Housing Authority ("HA") is to provide PRH estates with functional and cost-effective facilities. HA decided in June 2003 not to provide new PRH estates with entrance metal gateset, and had since received views from tenants and concern groups appealing for reviewing the arrangement. A total of 78 800 flats in 27 PRH estates which were completed between 2003 and 2008 were not provided with entrance metal gateset. Most of the respondents to a survey conducted by HA in mid-2008 indicated that despite the security systems provided by HA in the block, they would install entrance metal gateset at their own cost, mainly for security enhancement. In March 2009, HA resumed the provision of entrance metal gateset for new PRH development projects completed after January 2009.

3. In November 2014, HA announced a programme to replace old-type see-through collapsible gates at PRH estates and unsold flats at Tenants Purchase Scheme ("TPS") estates. Under the programme, old-type see-through collapsible gates of some 176 300 households, involving 101 estates, are to be replaced in five years starting from 2015-2016.

Panel deliberations

4. The Panel on Housing ("the Panel") was consulted on HA's decision to resume the provision of flat entrance metal gateset for new PRH development projects on 6 July 2009. Members in general expressed concern about the wavering policy on the provision of entrance metal gateset which had created inequalities among PRH tenants. They urged HA to provide entrance metal gateset for all PRH estates, including those completed between 2003 and 2008, without having to await major renovation under the Total Maintenance Scheme. As for tenants who had chosen to install entrance metal gateset at their own cost, HA should, on top of offering free repair services, consider reimbursing these tenants with the cost of installing a standard entrance metal gateset.

Council questions

5. Hon Frederick FUNG Kin-kee, Hon Albert HO Chun-yan and Hon Fred LI Wah-ming raised questions related to the provision of metal gateset for PRH units at the Council meetings of 13 June 2001, 29 October 2003 and 16 January 2008 respectively. Hon WU Chi-wai raised a Council question on 3 February 2016 seeking information about the replacement of old-type see-through collapsible gates at PRH and TPS estates. Details of the questions are hyperlinked in **Appendix**.

Latest development

6. In his letter dated 4 March 2016, Hon LEUNG Che-cheung expressed concern over the recent cases of burglary in PRH estates in Tin Shui Wai which were suspected to be partly caused by the vulnerability of the locks of metal gates provided for the housing units (LC Paper No. CB(1)655/15-16(01)). The matter will be discussed at the Panel meeting scheduled for 12 April 2016.

Relevant papers

7. A list of relevant papers is in **Appendix**.

Appendix

Provision of metal gateset for flat entrance in public rental housing estates

List of relevant papers

Council/ Committee	Date of meeting	Paper
Panel on Housing	6 July 2009	Administration's paper on "Provision of metal gateset for flat entrance in public rental housing estates" (LC Paper No. CB(1)2073/08-09(03)) http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr08-09/english/panels/hg/papers/hg0706cb1-2073-3-e.pdf Minutes of meeting (LC Paper No. CB(1)2409/08-09) http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr08-09/english/panels/hg/minutes/hg20090706.pdf

Hyperlink to relevant Council Questions:

Date	Council Question
13 June 2001	Council question raised by Hon Frederick FUNG Kin-kee http://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/200106/13/0613185.htm
29 October 2003	Council question raised by Hon Albert HO Chun-yan http://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/200310/29/1029134.htm
16 January 2008	Council question raised by Hon Fred LI Wah-ming http://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/200801/16/P200801160139.htm
3 February 2016	Council question raised by Hon WU Chi-wai http://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/201602/03/P201602030410.htm