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### **Panel on Housing**

Subcommittee to Follow Up Issues Related to Inadequate Housing and Relevant Housing Policies

# Minutes of third meeting held on Tuesday, 19 February 2019, at 2:30 pm in Conference Room 3 of the Legislative Council Complex

Members present	:	Hon Vincent CHENG Wing-shun, MH (Chairman) Hon Andrew WAN Siu-kin (Deputy Chairman)
		Hon James TO Kun-sun
		Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung
		Hon Starry LEE Wai-king, SBS, JP
		Hon Paul TSE Wai-chun, JP
		Hon WU Chi-wai, MH
		Hon CHAN Han-pan, BBS, JP
		Hon Alice MAK Mei-kuen, BBS, JP
		Hon KWOK Wai-keung, JP
		Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung
		Hon CHU Hoi-dick
		Hon SHIU Ka-fai
		Hon SHIU Ka-chun
		Hon Wilson OR Chong-shing, MH
		Hon KWONG Chun-yu
		Hon Jeremy TAM Man-ho
		Hon Tony TSE Wai-chuen, BBS
		Hon CHAN Hoi-yan
Members absent	:	Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him, GBS, JP
		Hon Mrs Regina IP LAU Suk-yee, GBS, JP
		Hon CHEUNG Kwok-kwan, JP

Public Officers attending	:	Agenda item II
		Transport and Housing Bureau
		Dr Raymond SO, BBS, JP Under Secretary for Transport and Housing
		Ms Esther LEUNG Yuet-yin, JP Deputy Secretary for Transport and Housing (Housing)
		Mr CHAN Nap-ming Project Director 1, Task Force on Transitional Housing
		Mr Stephen WONG Wing-hung Project Director 2, Task Force on Transitional Housing
Clerk in attendance	:	Mr Daniel SIN Chief Council Secretary (1)6
Staff in attendance	:	Ms Mandy LI Senior Council Secretary (1)6
		Mr Patrick CHOI Council Secretary (1)6
		Miss Yolanda CHEUK Legislative Assistant (1)6
I. Matters arisin	ng f	rom previous meeting

(LC Paper No. CB(1)588/18-19(01)	List of follow-up actions
LC Paper No. CB(1)588/18-19(02)	Administration's written response to the list of follow up actions and the two motions passed at the meeting on 22 January 2019

LC Paper No. FS06/18-19

-- Fact sheet on "Transitional housing in selected places" prepared by the Research Office of the Legislative Council Secretariat)

## II. Overview of the Government's policies and measures on addressing the problem of inadequate housing and facilitating community initiatives on transitional housing

(LC Paper No. CB(1)485/18-19(02) -- Administration's paper on "Measures alleviating the housing difficulties of inadequately housed households")

The Subcommittee deliberated (index of proceedings in the Appendix).

## **Motions**

2. <u>Members</u> proposed six motions under the agenda item. <u>The Chairman</u> ruled that all the motions were related to the item under discussion. <u>The</u> <u>Subcommittee</u> agreed and <u>the Chairman</u> put the following motions to vote separately:

## First motion proposed by Dr Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung:

越來越多香港人因無法負擔昂貴的租金而要居住於環境惡劣 的"不適切住房"及劏房,可惜政府一直不願意對此等住房進 行規管,拒絕做租金及租務管制,對於興建過渡性房屋,亦 只能"匯聚民間力量",對於過渡性房屋的建屋量及時間表毫 無承諾。本委員會促請政府參考台灣的"包租代管計劃"的模 式,為低收入家庭及人士在短期內提供過渡性房屋,以解迫 切的房屋需要。

## (Translation)

More and more Hong Kong people are living in "inadequate housing" and sub-divided units ("SDUs") with poor living conditions as they are unable to afford the high rental costs. However, the Government has been unwilling to regulate such housing and refused to introduce rent and tenancy control. The Government would only "bring together community efforts" in the provision of transitional housing without making any commitment on the quantity of transitional housing to be - 4 -

constructed and the timetable for their supply. This Subcommittee urges the Government to make reference to the Social Rental Housing Subleasing and Management Pilot Scheme in Taiwan to provide transitional housing for low-income households and individuals in the short term, so as to address their pressing housing needs.

## Second motion proposed by the Deputy Chairman:

本委員會促請政府採取以下措施,增加過渡性住屋供應,包括:

- 設立不少於30億元的"過渡性住屋基金",並由政府負責 興建過渡性住屋;
- 研究將部分預留作香港迪士尼樂園第二期發展的用地, 改作發展過渡性房屋;及
- 將適用的短期租約土地、由政府部門及香港鐵路有限公司交還後未定用途的臨時工地改作發展過渡性房屋。

## (Translation)

This Subcommittee urges the Government to increase the supply of transitional housing by adopting the following measures:

- 1. establishing a transitional housing fund of no less than \$3 billion, with the Government being responsible for the construction of transitional housing;
- 2. exploring the option of using part of the site reserved for phase two development of Hong Kong Disneyland for development of transitional housing; and
- 3. using suitable lands with short term tenancies and temporary works areas with no designated uses after having been surrendered by government departments and the MTR Corporation Limited for development of transitional housing.

## Third motion proposed by the Deputy Chairman:

本委員會促請政府:

- 規定分間樓宇單位須設有獨立水錶及電錶,容許分間樓 宇單位租戶自行開戶支付水費、電費,以防止業主濫收 水電費用;
- 訂立租金管制規管分間樓宇單位的租金升幅,以及為居 於分間單位3年或以上的住戶提供租金津貼;及
- 訂立劏房住戶登記制度或透過政府統計處每年進行劏房 住戶(包括工廠大廈內的劏房住戶)普查,以確保政府能 掌握劏房住戶的實際數目,並制訂適切的政策。

#### (Translation)

This Subcommittee urges the Government to:

- 1. require with separate water and electricity meters to be installed in SDUs and permit SDU tenants to open water and electricity accounts of their own for payment of tariffs, so as to prevent overcharging of water and electricity tariffs by landlords;
- 2. introduce rent control to regulate the rate of rental increase for SDUs and offer rent allowance to those households who have been living in SDUs for three years or more; and
- 3. establish a registration system for SDU households or conduct an annual survey on SDU households (including those living in factory buildings) by the Census and Statistics Department, so as to ensure that the Government can grasp the actual number of SDU households and formulate appropriate policies.

#### Fourth motion proposed by Mr SHIU Ka-chun:

鑒於近年政府對不適切住房的住戶進行愈來愈多執法行動, 迫遷戶面臨無家可歸,他們對中轉屋的需求增加,但中轉屋 數目愈來愈少,而且欠缺市區的中轉屋。本委員會促請政府 預留部分過渡性房屋單位,用作安置受政府執法行動影響的 居民,並於新界、九龍、港島興建中轉房屋。

#### (Translation)

As the Government has taken increasingly frequent enforcement actions against households of inadequate housing in recent years, evicted households become homeless and their demand for interim housing ("IH") has increased. On the other hand, the number of IH units is decreasing and there is a lack of provision of IH in urban areas.

This Subcommittee urges the Government to reserve some of the transitional housing units to accommodate residents affected by the Government's enforcement actions and provide IH in the New Territories and Kowloon as well as on Hong Kong Island.

Fifth motion proposed by Mr LEUNG Yiu-chung:

本委員會促請特區政府盡速考慮優化回歸前香港政府的臨時 房屋政策的可行性,以改善目前不適切住屋問題。

#### (Translation)

This Subcommittee urges the Special Administration Region Government to consider expeditiously the feasibility of refining the policies on temporary housing adopted by the former Hong Kong Government before the reunification, so as to alleviate the current problem of inadequate housing.

Sixth motion proposed by Mr Wilson OR Chong-shing and Mr CHAN Han-pan: 由於未來公營房屋(特別是出租公屋)的供應將持續低於《長 遠房屋策略》的目標,本委員會促請政府正式將過渡性房屋 納入《長遠房屋策略》,並邀請香港房屋委員會、香港房屋協 會等協助提供過渡性房屋;為過渡性房屋制訂供應目標及成 立不少於20億元的"過渡性房屋基金",以推動和支援各項過 渡性房屋項目;同時,善用閒置政府土地或設施,包括短期 租約或租約將於一年內到期的土地或設施,以增加過渡性房 屋的供應。

### (Translation)

Given that the future supply of public housing, particularly public rental housing, is expected to be persistently below the target of the Long Term Housing Strategy ("LTHS"), this Subcommittee urges the Government to formally incorporate transitional housing into LTHS and invite the Hong Kong Housing Authority, the Hong Kong Housing Society, etc., to assist in the provision of transitional housing; formulate a supply target for transitional housing and establish a transitional housing fund of no less than \$2 billion, so as to take forward and support various transitional housing schemes; and, at the same time, make good use of idle government lands or facilities, including lands or facilities the short term tenancies or tenancies of which are due to expire within one year, so as to increase transitional housing supply.

3. As a majority of members present voted for the above six motions, <u>the</u> <u>Chairman</u> declared that the above six motions were carried and requested the Administration to respond to the concerns raised by the Subcommittee.

(*Post-meeting note*: The six motions were issued to members in LC Paper Nos. CB(1)627/18-19(01) to (06) on 25 February 2019.)

#### Follow-up actions

4. The Administration was requested to provide examples illustrating with pictures/photos on how the compensation measures such as artificial lighting

and mechanical ventilation systems would improve natural lighting and ventilation for cases involving wholesale conversion of industrial buildings for transitional housing projects.

# III. Any other business

5. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 4:32 pm.

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### Appendix

### **Panel on Housing**

#### Subcommittee to Follow Up Issues Related to Inadequate Housing and Relevant Housing Policies

#### Proceedings of third meeting on Tuesday, 19 February 2019, at 2:30 pm in Conference Room 3 of the Legislative Council Complex

Time marker	Speaker	Subject(s)	Action required		
Agenda it	Agenda item I — Matters arising from previous meeting				
000738 – 000955	Chairman	Opening remark			
		Government's policies and measures on addressing t community initiatives on transitional housing	he problem of		
000956 – 001331	Chairman Administration	Briefing by the Administration			
001332-001940	Chairman Deputy Chairman Administration	The Deputy Chairman commented that the Administration should step up efforts in providing transitional housing, as some one million people were still living in undesirable conditions. He commented that the Administration should assume a leading role rather than playing a facilitating or advocacy role because it held the financial and land resources. The Deputy Chairman asked whether the Administration would set up a dedicated fund on transitional housing development and provide for members' information the list of potential sites suitable for transitional housing development. The Deputy Chairman also queried whether the Administration would release idle government land such as part of the work sites of the Shatin to Central Link and the Hong Kong section of the Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link for transitional housing purposes. The Administration responded that the Task Force on Transitional Housing ("the Task Force") under the Transport and Housing Bureau would support and facilitate the implementation of various short-term initiatives put forward and carried out by non-governmental organizations ("NGOs") to provide transitional housing for alleviating the hardship faced by families awaiting public rental			

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		housing ("PRH") and other inadequately housed households ("IHHs").	
		In response to members' suggestion of setting up a funding scheme for transitional housing, the Administration said that it was actively considering the suggestion. The Task Force would also examine, on a case-by-case basis, whether any of the vacant government sites with no immediate development needs could be released for transitional housing use.	
		The Administration further explained that it might not be appropriate to release the list of vacant government sites suitable for transitional housing development as some of them were in a very preliminary stage; some sites might also be facing many constraints. The Administration said that it would defer to the project proponents to announce these projects when they have reached a more mature stage.	
001941 – 002706	Chairman Mr Tony TSE Wai-chuen Administration	Mr Tony TSE Wai-chuen commented that the provision of transitional housing could be expedited if the Administration would take up the projects on its own.	
		Mr TSE asked whether the Administration would publish guidelines on the allocation of community-initiated transitional housing projects, and whether the Administration would regulate the rents in these transitional housing.	
		The Administration maintained that its role was to support and facilitate NGOs in implementing transitional housing projects. NGOs were more flexible and creative in implementing projects that met the needs of specific target groups. The Task Force would continue to explore whether and what support could be provided to NGOs to speed up the delivery of such projects.	
		The Administration considered it more appropriate to allow flexibility for NGOs to set their rent levels according to the specific target beneficiary groups and unique service emphasis of the project. For the existing projects, the rents were generally below market levels.	

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002707 - 003407	Chairman Mr LEUNG Yiu-chung Administration	Mr LEUNG Yiu-chung commented that the Administration was not committed in providing transitional housing to address the needs of people living in inadequate housing. He queried why the Hong Kong Housing Authority ("HA") could not take up the responsibility of providing transitional housing using its own resources.	
		Mr LEUNG asked whether the Administration would make reference to, or modify the model of Temporary Housing Area in providing accommodation for people in inadequate housing. Mr LEUNG also asked whether applicants on the waiting list of PRH would be given priority in the allocation of transitional housing units.	
		The Administration reiterated its position that the Task Force would support and facilitate NGOs in the provision of transitional housing instead of implementing projects on its own.	
		The Administration also explained that HA should focus its resources on the provision of PRH. Temporary Housing Area might not be a suitable model to address the inadequate housing issues under the current circumstances.	
		As regards the selection of suitable tenants for the transitional housing units, the Administration added that respective NGOs would each set up a proper system of selection according to the needs of their specific target groups.	
003408 – 003934	Chairman Ms CHAN Hoi-yan Administration	Ms CHAN Hoi-yan commented that the Administration should take up the responsibility of providing transitional housing and introducing tenancy control and rent subsidy rather than rely on community initiatives in addressing the housing issues.	
		Ms CHAN commented that transitional housing was introduced as a stop-gap measure as the Administration failed to deliver the pledge of providing accommodation to eligible PRH applicants within three years. She asked whether the Administration would take up the responsibility of providing transitional housing and incorporate transitional housing as part of the public housing policy.	

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		The Administration reiterated that its role was to provide PRH to meet the housing need of the low and medium income families. The Task Force would provide one-stop support and advice to facilitate transitional housing projects initiated by NGOs. The Administration would continue to identify suitable land for transitional housing development and would assist interested NGOs in applying for the development of the sites, assessing feasibility of the projects and seeking funding from various sources. The Administration explained that introducing tenancy control and/or rent subsidy amid the current imbalance between the demand and supply	
003935 – 004629	Chairman Ms Alice MAK Mei-kuen Administration	in the property market might be counterproductive. Ms Alice MAK Mei-kuen asked whether the Administration could consider implementing tenancy control, rent subsidy and special rates on vacant private residential units as a holistic	
		<ul> <li>vacuate private residential units as a horistic package to address the housing issues.</li> <li>The Administration reiterated that introducing tenancy control and rent subsidy as a package amid the current imbalance between the demand and supply in the property market might be counterproductive. The current legislative proposal to introduce special rates on vacant first-hand private residential units should help improve the imbalance in the demand and supply of housing units.</li> </ul>	
004630 – 005149	Chairman Mr SHIU Ka-chun Administration	Mr SHIU Ka-chun asked whether the Administration would use the sites designated for transitional housing development for constructing interim housing to accommodate people displaced by the clearance of illegal structures during law enforcement actions.	
		The Administration explained that according to the prevailing government policy, if any household was rendered homeless due to government clearance actions and had the need for temporary accommodation, they might, upon referral by relevant government departments, be accommodated in HA's Transit Centres while waiting for eligibility vetting for further rehousing. HA anticipated that the existing interim housing ("IH") should be able to meet the needs of	

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	households who would be affected by government clearances and enforcement, hence currently had no plan to build new IH.	
Chairman Dr Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung Administration	Dr Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung criticized the Administration for the lack of progress in tackling the housing issues. He said that the Administration preferred to sell available land for private residential development rather than provide transitional housing. Dr CHEUNG asked whether the Administration would consider adopting the practice in Taiwan where local governments would rent accommodation from the property market and sublease the premises to people with housing needs. The Administration said that the latest ratio of public to private new housing supply was 70:30. In drawing reference from any overseas practice, the Administration would have to take into account local culture and characteristics, and to avoid excessive interference with the market.	
Chairman Mr Eddie CHU Hoi-dick Administration	Mr Eddie CHU Hoi-dick said that based on the 2016 Population By-census, the number of households living in subdivided units ("SDUs") was about 93 900. However, according to the demand projection under Long Term Housing Strategy ("LTHS"), the number of SDU households was 84 400. The difference of 9 500 was attributed to the households in private residential units who would be displaced by redevelopment in the next ten years. Mr CHU said that as the displaced households would unlikely be accommodated in the redeveloped properties, their housing needs should be included in the demand projection. Taking phases two and three of the Wang Chau Public Housing Development as an example, Mr CHU also suggested the Administration to consult the stakeholders at an early stage. The Administration advised that the housing demand of the 9 500 households displaced by private redevelopment had already been taken into account under another category, they should not be double counted in the LTHS demand projection.	
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		three of the Wang Chau Public Housing Development were only at a preliminary stage, and consultation with stakeholders would be conducted at a later stage.	
010600 – 011115	Chairman Administration	The Chairman commented that the Administration should set up a dedicated fund for supporting transitional housing development.	
		The Chairman asked what technical support the Administration would provide to NGOs in implementing transitional housing projects. As NGOs might face difficulties in the construction of transitional housing structures, the Chairman asked whether the Administration would encourage organizations such as the Hong Kong Housing Society ("HKHS") or the Urban Renewal Authority ("URA") to undertake the construction works. The Chairman also asked whether Government Rent would be waived for the transitional housing projects supported by the Administration. The Administration reiterated that it was actively	
		<ul><li>considering the option of setting up a dedicated fund for transitional housing.</li><li>The Administration explained that HKHS and URA had contributed to the provision of transitional</li></ul>	
		housing. Regarding support for transitional housing projects initiated by NGOs, the Administration advised that the Lands Department ("LandsD") would consider charging nominal rent for transitional housing built on government land. For transitional housing developed on privately owned land, project proponents might apply to LandsD for exemption from paying the relevant waiver fees. The Task Force had been providing advice on the suitability of the sites under consideration, the necessary statutory/administrative procedures and the sources of funding that might be available to support the projects.	
011116 – 011742	Chairman Mr CHAN Han-pan Administration	Mr CHAN Han-pan commented that the Administration had exacerbated the shortage of transitional housing as it intensified law enforcement action against illegal structures but at the same time cleared interim housing buildings or	

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		left them idle and unoccupied. He also queried what incentives were provided to encourage NGOs to provide transitional housing. He asked if the Administration would provide one-stop assistance to NGOs in pursuit of transitional housing projects.	
		The Administration said that HA would consider redevelopment of individual aged estates according to the prevailing policy, taking into account their actual circumstances.	
		The Administration further advised that the Task Force would provide one-stop coordinated support for NGOs to meet various administrative and statutory requirements for implementing transitional housing projects. The Task Force would also assist NGOs in various relevant funding applications. Furthermore, with the approval of the LegCo Finance Committee in January 2019, the Development Bureau had established a \$1 billion fund to subsidize the costs of basic works of eligible projects, including transitional housing, on vacant government sites.	
011743 – 012530	Chairman Mr Wilson OR Chong-shing Administration	Mr Wilson OR Chong-shing expressed concerns about the slow progress of the Task Force in driving the provision of transitional housing. He asked if the Administration had set a timetable and key milestones in the provision of transitional housing, and whether the Task Force would reach out to interested NGOs and encourage them to initiate transitional housing projects.	
		Mr OR also asked the Administration for an update and the overall plan regarding owners of Home Ownership Scheme units and industrial buildings subletting their properties for transitional housing use.	
		The Administration advised that as a facilitator for the provision of transitional housing, the Task Force provided project proponents with one-stop support on administrative and regulatory issues; and on funding applications. The Administration also explained that, in view of the short-term nature of transitional housing projects, as well as their different arrangements and objectives, setting a fixed target for transitional housing (such as the number of units or the estimated completion year, etc.) was not realistic and did not contribute to the	

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		<ul> <li>work of NGOs. Nevertheless, the Government would continue to adopt an open attitude in facilitating the provision of more transitional housing, and offer necessary support on each project.</li> <li>The Administration added that HKHS was currently reviewing its Letting Scheme for Subsidised Sale Developments with Premium Unpaid ("the Scheme") and collecting views from the public, with a view to considering how the Scheme should be enhanced. Subsequent to the completion of HKHS's review, HA would consider how best to join the Scheme in due course. Meanwhile, the Task Force would further explore with various government bureaux a safe and pragmatic approach to adopt prospective industrial buildings for transitional housing use.</li> </ul>	
012531 – 013053	Chairman Deputy Chairman Administration	Deputy Chairman commented that the Administration should be in the best position to take charge of the provision of transitional housing, as it controlled the lands, held a large reserve of fund and had the experience of providing subsidized housing via the Housing Authority. He stressed that the community would not agree that the Administration should only play a facilitator's role.	
		The Deputy Chairman suggested that the Administration should consider setting up a special office to drive the initiatives of transitional housing development.	
		The Administration maintained that it would continue to support and facilitate NGOs in the provision of transitional housing in order to allow NGOs to exercise flexibility and creativity in addressing the needs of specific groups of needy people. However, the Administration would continue to take proactive steps to explore whether and what the Government might be suitable to do more for promoting transitional housing development.	
013054 – 013711	Chairman Mr Jeremy TAM Man-ho Administration	Mr Jeremy TAM Man-ho followed up on his earlier request for examples supplemented by suitable illustrations and photographs on how compensation measures such as artificial lighting and mechanical ventilation systems would improve natural lighting	The Administration to take action as per paragraph 4 of

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		and ventilation in accommodations converted from industrial buildings. The Administration undertook to collate the	the minutes.
		requested information after the meeting. In the case of converting an industrial building for transitional housing use, Mr TAM also asked whether the Administration would waive the building requirement of leaving no more than 18 metres between the fire service access point and the doors of the fireman's lift at the ground level. The Administration said that such specific issues might have to be considered on a case-by-case	
013712 – 014254	Chairman Mr KWONG Chun-yu Administration	basis. Mr KWONG Chun-yu asked whether the Administration would undertake to establish a dedicated fund and formulate a holistic plan for transitional housing, and to assume a more proactive role in implementing such projects. Mr KWONG commented that without releasing the information of the vacant government sites, it would be difficult for NGOs and other interested organizations to participate in the provision of transitional housing.	
		The Administration reiterated that it was actively considering the proposal of setting up a dedicated fund for transitional housing. Meanwhile, the Task Force had been taking proactive steps to explore suitable vacant government sites, and would discuss with relevant departments for their early release for transitional housing development.	
		The Administration reiterated that some of the vacant sites might be subject to constraints and other issues that might need to be resolved. It would be premature to release the details at the present stage.	
014255 – 014810	Chairman Mr SHIU Ka-chun Administration	Quoting a research report published by Liber Research Community, Mr SHIU Ka-chun asked whether the Administration would establish a central coordination mechanism on vacant government land and premises.	
		Mr SHIU also asked whether the Administration	

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		<ul><li>would publicize a list of such sites and premises which were suitable for transitional housing use.</li><li>The Administration advised that some of the vacant government sites mentioned in Liber Research</li></ul>	
		Community's report were being allocated on short term tenancy basis for certain temporary uses such as car parks and logistics operations. Terminating the tenancies might exacerbate the shortage of local car parking space or affect other important economic activities.	
		The Administration added that, while LandsD had compiled a list of vacant government sites, the suitability of these sites for transitional housing would have to be further studied.	
014811 – 015338	Chairman Mr CHAN Han-pan Administration	Mr CHAN Han-pan commented that the Administration should set up key performance indicators and formulate a timetable for achieving its policy targets in transitional housing.	
		The Administration advised that in view of the short-term nature of the transitional housing projects, as well as their different arrangements and objectives, setting a fixed target for transitional housing was not realistic and did not contribute to the work of NGOs.	
015339 – 015751	Chairman Ms CHAN Hoi-yan Administration	Ms CHAN Hoi-yan commented that the Administration should include the provision of transitional housing as part of the overall housing policy.	
		Ms CHAN also asked for the Administration's stance on the recommendations of the Task Force on Land Supply related to PRH.	
		The Administration undertook to consider the recommendations of the Task Force on Land Supply in respect of transitional housing; and would make announcements in the coming months.	
015752 – 020144	Chairman Mr Wilson Of Chong-shing Administration	Mr Wilson OR Chong-shing asked how the Task Force had overcome obstacles related to the prevailing policies and expedited the provision of transitional housing, and what sorts of obstacles the Task Force had tackled. Mr OR also asked for details on the utilization status of Development Bureau's funding scheme to support the use of	

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		vacant government sites by NGOs.			
		The Administration advised that the Task Force would explore with relevant departments on what measures could be implemented to deal with obstacles including environmental issues, heritage preservation and fire safety requirements that might affect a particular transitional housing project.			
		The Administration advised that the Funding Scheme to Support the Use of Vacant Government Sites by Non-government Organizations were approved by the Finance Committee in January 2019. The Administration would take into consideration the experience of this Funding Scheme when considering the suggestion of introducing a funding scheme to support transitional housing.			
020145 – 020309	Chairman Dr Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung	Voting on the motion proposed by Dr Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung			
020310 – 020354	Chairman Deputy Chairman	Voting on the motions proposed by the Deputy Chairman			
020355 – 020417	Chairman Mr SHIU Ka-chun	Voting on the motion proposed by Mr SHIU Ka-chun			
020418 – 020430	Chairman Mr LEUNG Yiu-chung	Voting on the motion proposed by Mr LEUNG Yiu-chung			
020431 – 020500	Chairman Mr Wilson OR Chong-shing Mr CHAN Han-pan	Voting on the motion proposed by Mr Wilson OR Chong-shing and Mr CHAN Han-pan			
Agenda ite	Agenda item III — Any other business				
020501 – 020536	Chairman	Concluding remarks			

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