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Panel on Housing

**Subcommittee to Follow Up the Issues Related to
the Wang Chau Development Project**

**Minutes of fourth meeting held on
Friday, 1 February 2019, at 9:15 am
in Conference Room 2 of the Legislative Council Complex**

- Members present** : Hon CHU Hoi-dick (Chairman)
Hon Wilson OR Chong-shing, MH (Deputy Chairman)
Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung
Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him, GBS, JP
Hon LEUNG Che-cheung, SBS, MH, JP
Hon Alice MAK Mei-kuen, BBS, JP
Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki
Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung
Ir Dr Hon LO Wai-kiwok, SBS, MH, JP
Hon Andrew WAN Siu-kin
Dr Hon Junius HO Kwan-yiu, JP
Hon SHIU Ka-fai
Hon LAU Kwok-fan, MH
Dr Hon CHENG Chung-tai
Hon KWONG Chun-yu
Hon AU Nok-hin
Hon Tony TSE Wai-chuen, BBS
- Member attending** : Hon Claudia MO

**Public Officers
attending**

: Agenda item I

Dr Raymond SO, BBS, JP
Under Secretary for Transport and Housing

Mr Michael HONG
Chief Civil Engineer (Public Works Programme)
Housing Department

Mr Thomas CHAN
Chief Engineer (Housing Projects 2)
Civil Engineering and Development Department

Ms Lily CHIU
Chief Estate Surveyor (Acquisition Section)
Lands Department

Dr Esther TO
Senior Veterinary Officer (Animal Management)
Operations
Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation
Department

**Attendance by
invitation**

: Agenda item I

Session One

Dr Fiona WOODHOUSE
Deputy Director (Welfare)
Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals
(HK)

Mr German LAM
總幹事
Give Dogs A Home

吉秋爽女士

陳靖怡小姐

劉彥昭先生

余佩芸小姐

祝嘉樂先生

區國權先生

伍靜嫻小姐

歐陽元先生

鄧貴蓮小姐

黃橋根先生

張貴財先生

Mr Raphael WONG Ho-ming

陳秉鳳小姐

陳嘉燊先生

Session Two

卓志超先生
動物友善政策關注小組

吳君倩小姐

王心龍先生

林梓晴小姐

謝欣然小姐

何潔泓小姐

陳曉雲小姐

成員

NENT Animal Rangers

岑敖暉先生

陳妙珠小姐

張婉麗小姐

陳嘉琳小姐

曾樂欣小姐

朱智鍵先生

林安琪小姐

成員

橫洲綠化帶發展關注組

Miss Anna CHAN

Miss Gabee MAK Shuk-Ching

External Coordinator

Hong Kong Animal Welfare Law (Civil Draft) -
Mongrel Dog Lovers

李耀生先生

Miss WOO Sin-ting

成員

橫洲動物關注組

Miss WONG Suk-wai

成員

可持續發展關注組

Mr MAK Chi-kit

Senior Research Officer

Green Sense

Clerk in attendance : Mr Derek LO
Chief Council Secretary (1)5

Staff in attendance : Mr Fred PANG
Senior Council Secretary (1)5

Ms Anki NG
Council Secretary (1)5

Ms Michelle NIEN
Legislative Assistant (1)5

Action

I. Arrangements for dealing with animals affected by the Wang Chau Development Project and relevant policy issues

(LC Paper No. CB(1)533/18-19(01) — Paper provided by the Administration

(LC Paper No. CB(1) 336/18-19(01) — List of follow-up actions arising from the meeting on 30 November 2018

LC Paper No. CB(1)336/18-19(02) — Administration's response to the issues raised at the meeting on 30 November 2018)

Submissions from deputations/individuals not attending the meeting

(LC Paper No. CB(1)516/18-19(02) — Submission from Mongrel Club (Chinese version only)

LC Paper No. CB(1)533/18-19(03) — Submission from Animals Asia Foundation (English version only)

LC Paper No. CB(1)536/18-19(01) — Submission from a member of the public (Chinese version only)

LC Paper No. CB(1)536/18-19(02) — Submission from Aella Asia (Chinese version only))

Members noted a submission tabled at the meeting.

(Post meeting note: The submission was circulated to members vide LC Paper No. CB(1)548/18-19(01) on 1 February 2019 in electronic form.)

Presentation of views by deputations/individuals

2. At the invitation of the Chairman, 36 deputations attending the meeting presented their views on the arrangements for dealing with animals affected by the Wang Chau Development Project and relevant policy issues in two sessions, with a break in between. The Subcommittee noted the following major views expressed by deputations:

- (a) The Administration's development projects in Wang Chau and North East New Territories would affect more than 4 000 animals. Residents affected by the developments projects considered that the animals kept by them were part of their family. As these residents were forced to move out from their homes to make way for the development projects, the Administration should work out appropriate measures to protect the animals kept by these residents.
- (b) The Administration's existing policies and measures could not protect the animals affected by the land clearances in Wang Chau and other development areas ("affected animals"), and the Administration should establish an inter-departmental task force for formulating holistic policies to protect the welfare of affected animals.
- (c) The Administration should ensure that the affected animals would not be culled, and should provide accommodations for them, implement "trap-neuter-return or adopt" programmes in the affected areas, strengthen the work in animal neutering and adoption and provide adequate animal adoption centres.
- (d) The Administration should compile statistics on the affected animals to facilitate the formulation of appropriate measures to deal with them.
- (e) The survey conducted by the Hong Kong Housing Authority ("HA") for collecting opinions of public housing households on dog keeping in public rental housing ("PRH") estates in 2016 might not accurately reflect the views of all the households.
- (f) The Administration/HA/the Hong Kong Housing Society ("HS") should relax the restrictions on animal keeping in public housing estates (including dedicated estates and estates providing transitional units) for households affected by the land clearances in Wang Chau and other development areas, give special permissions for these households to keep animals in these estates, or designate public housing blocks where animal keeping was allowed, so that animals and their owners could be rehoused together.

- (g) The Administration should pay due regard to the difficulties faced by non-profit making animal welfare groups engaging in adoption and re-homing work given their existing heavy workloads, and the adverse impact of its development clearances on the continued operation of kennels.
- (h) The existing legislation could not protect animal welfare.
- (i) The Administration should provide resite area for affected villagers so that they could build houses, resume their farming practices and continue to keep animals.
- (j) The Wang Chau development project should be shelved, given that the compensation and rehousing arrangements for affected residents, farming households and animals were not desirable.

[At 9:56 am, some deputations left their seats and approached the Under Secretary for Transport and Housing to present some items to him.]

3. In gist, the Administration made the following responses:

- (a) The Administration understood that society was concerned about animal welfare, and members of the public might consider the animals kept by them were part of their family.
- (b) In November 2003, HA adopted the Temporary Permission Rule ("TPR"), allowing PRH tenants to continue keeping small dogs which were already kept in PRH units before 1 August 2003 until the dogs' natural death. After the implementation of the one-off transitional arrangement, HA had conducted surveys in 2011 and 2016 respectively for collecting opinions of public housing households on dog keeping in PRH estates via Public Housing Recurrent Survey. About 70% interviewed PRH residents in the 2016 survey supported the HA's continued implementation of the prevailing policy. In addition, for the opinion survey with Estate Management Advisory Committees conducted in 2016, the results also revealed that only two estates supported relaxation of the dog keeping policy in PRH estates. As regards the deputations' concern at the meeting about the representativeness of the survey, given that there were about 800 000 PRH households and HA had interviewed about 5 000 households by random sampling in the survey, the Administration considered that the sampling size was large enough to ensure the survey's reliability.

- (c) PRH estates were comparatively more densely populated and tenants had raised concerns that keeping dogs might pose health hazards or nuisances. Other than dogs approved under TPR, guide dogs serving the visually/and hearing impaired, and companion dogs serving those in need of mental support and small household pets which did not pose any health hazards and nuisances (such as de-sexed cats, hamsters and guinea-pigs), keeping of other animals (such as pigs and monkeys) were strictly prohibited in PRH estates.
- (d) In formulating the policy of animal keeping in PRH estates, HA's consideration was to build a harmonious community whereby the different interests of all PRH residents were being respected at large. HA would continue to review the arrangements under the prevailing policy, taking into account the changing situations of society.
- (e) HS followed its own policy in dealing with animal keeping in its rental estates. Owners' incorporations in some HS's subsidized sale flats ("SSFs") estates might allow dog keeping, and the Administration and HS would consider such arrangement when reviewing the pet keeping arrangement at the SSF portion of HS's dedicated rehousing estates.
- (f) As for the rental unit portion of dedicated rehousing estates, although those units were catered for mainly eligible households affected by the Government's land clearances, HS might allocate eventually unused rental units in the estates, if any, for other eligible applicants, such as those waiting for HS's rental units. HS needed to respect the rights and interests of different tenants under the premise of community inclusion when considering the animal keeping policy in these estates.
- (g) Having regard to local situations, international trends and practices, and relevant standards set out by the World Organization for Animal Health, the Administration had been adopting a multi-pronged approach towards animal welfare and management, including public education and publicity programmes to promote responsible pet ownership, assisting animal welfare organizations ("AWOs") in implementing the "Trap, Neuter and Return" programme for stray dogs, animal re-homing, etc. Use of euthanasia was only one of the ways to deal with stray animals.
- (h) The Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department ("AFCD") would receive dogs/animals surrendered by animal owners, including residents in Wang Chau. For dogs/animals received which were considered suitable for re-homing, AFCD would liaise with the partnering AWOs for animal adoption by members of the public.

- (i) The Administration believed that from the perspectives of animal welfare, instead of providing long-term or interim accommodations for stray animals, it was more appropriate to promote adoption of them by members of the public. The Administration would continue to closely liaise with AWOs to strengthen the work in animal re-homing, and study the suggestion of establishing animal adoption centres.
- (j) AFCD had collaborated with AWOs to conduct "Trap-Neuter-Return" trial programmes in some locations, and kept an open mind towards rendering assistance to AWOs in conducting similar programmes in other locations. In order to introduce such programmes, AFCD would facilitate the liaison between the coordinating AWOs and the District Council concerned, with a view to enlisting their support. To determine whether a specific location was suitable for conducting a "Trap-Neuter-Return" programme, the Administration would consider a range of factors. Citing Wang Chau as an example, the Administration needed to consider whether the area was suitable for implementing the programme after the commencement of the Administration's land clearance exercises.
- (k) Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Ordinance (Cap. 169) was the legislation for safeguarding animal welfare by prohibiting and punishing cruelty to any animals. The Administration was reviewing the legislation, and welcomed public views and suggestions regarding the Ordinance.
- (l) The ex-gratia compensation for the resumed private land in Wang Chau Phase 1 was made by the Government based on the updated compensation rates applicable for land resumption in 2017, instead of any past compensation rates. Wang Chau Phase 1 public housing development involved resumption of 79 private land plots by the Government, and the owners of 53 of them had accepted the Government's ex-gratia compensation offers. Land owners who did not accept the amount of ex-gratia compensation offered might follow the requirements laid down in the relevant ordinance to make a claim for statutory compensation to the Government stating the amount of their claim. In the event that the claim was not agreed, it might be referred by the land owner concerned or by the Government to the Lands Tribunal for the amount of compensation to be determined.

- (m) Households eligible for non-means tested rehousing would be offered one-off transitional units in HS's rental or HA's PRH estates before the concerned dedicated rehousing estates were ready for population intake. When they were subsequently ready for population intake, eligible households would be given an option (instead of being mandated) to relocate to the dedicated rehousing estates. They were not required to undergo Comprehensive Means Test before rehousing to these transitional units. Eligible households opting to relocate from transitional units to the dedicated rehousing estates would be provided domestic removal allowance once again in due course.
- (n) Eligible households who would purchase SSFs in dedicated rehousing estates would be provided in due course a reduced amount of ex-gratia allowance for permitted occupiers ("EGAPO") at 83% of the EGAPPO amount to which they would have been entitled had they not opted for rehousing arrangements.
- (o) Under the prevailing arrangement, genuine farmers if whose domestic structures with 1982-survey/license numbers were also affected by the Government's land clearances might apply for agricultural resite for a short term waiver to build a domestic structure up to two storeys and 400 square feet large on their new private farmland to continue farming. The Administration had so far received such applications from 26 households in Wang Chau.
- (p) The Administration had explained on different occasions that the non-means tested rehousing arrangement would be implemented going forward as the unified as well as enhanced general arrangement, and there would not be other special arrangements, such as the Cottage House Option which was only applicable to the Liantang/Heung Yuen Wai Boundary Control Points Project on account of the unique special circumstances of Chuk Yuen Village being located in the remote Frontier Closed Area, anymore.

[At 10:25 am, when the Administration was speaking in response to the deputations, some deputations stood up and shouted slogans.]

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

[At 12:28 pm, the Chairman advised that he had received a motion proposed by Dr Fernando CHEUNG.]

[At 12:53 pm, the Chairman extended the meeting for 15 minutes beyond the appointed ending time.]

Follow-up actions to be taken by the Administration

5. The Administration was requested to take the following actions:
- (a) to provide a written response on the views of the deputations given at the meeting;
 - (b) to provide a written response on whether a copy of the guidelines/directions had been provided by the Administration to its staff (including staff of the Housing Department) in conducting informal consultation/lobbying sessions to collect opinions of stakeholders in taking forward the project for Phase 1 public housing development at Wang Chau, Yuen Long, and if so, a copy of such guidelines/directions; and
 - (c) to confirm on or before 11 February 2019 whether and when the report on the engineering feasibility study for site formation and infrastructure works for Phases 2 and 3 of the public housing development at Wang Chau, Yuen Long would be available with a view to facilitating the Subcommittee Chairman to decide whether a further meeting was necessary prior to 27 February 2019, which was the end of the Subcommittee's work period.

(Post-meeting note: The Administration's written response was issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(1)584/18-19(01).)

Motion

6. The Chairman referred members to the motion proposed by Dr Fernando CHEUNG, which he considered relevant to the agenda item –

Motion moved by Dr Fernando CHEUNG -

橫洲及東北地區發展工程在即，預計數以千計的動物(包括貓狗)面對搬遷而流離失所甚至被毀滅，本委員會促請政府應：

1. 保證受影響動物不被撲殺；
2. 立即全面展開"捕捉、絕育、放回或領養"的工作；
3. 就受發展影響的住戶，放寬公屋飼養狗隻的限制，讓狗隻與飼主一同上樓；

4. 立即評估受影響動物的數量及情況，制訂政策及服務(包括建設領養中心)妥善安置牠們；及
5. 設立跨部門專責小組，制訂長遠動物政策，保障發展區動物的權益。

(Translation)

With the impending development projects in Wang Chau and North East, thousands of animals (including cats and dogs) are expected to face removal and hence be displaced from their homes or even be destroyed. This Subcommittee urges that the Government should:

1. undertake that the affected animals will not be culled;
 2. commence immediately on a full-scale basis the "trap-neuter-return or adopt" work;
 3. relax the restriction on dog keeping in public housing for households affected by the development, so that dogs and their owners can be rehoused together;
 4. assess immediately the number and situation of affected animals, and formulate policies and services (including the construction of adoption centres) for their proper settlement; and
 5. establish an inter-departmental task force for formulating a long-term animal policy to protect the rights of animals in development areas.
7. The Chairman put to vote the motion. All members present voted in favour of the motion. The Chairman declared that the motion was carried.

(Post-meeting note: The wording of the motion passed was issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(1)573/18-19(01) on 13 February 2019. The Administration's response to the motion was issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(1)613/18-19(01).)

Way forward of the Subcommittee

8. The Chairman advised that the 12-month work period of the Subcommittee would expire on 27 February 2019, and he would consider whether it was necessary to hold a meeting before the expiry after receiving the Administration's reply to the request in paragraph 5(c).

(Post-meeting note: Members were informed vide LC Paper No. CB(1)584/18-19 on 15 February 2019 that subject to other views members might have, the Chairman considered that there was no need for the Subcommittee to have a meeting before the expiry of its work period. Up to 27 February 2019, the Clerk had not received members' request for holding a further meeting.)

9. The Chairman said that the Subcommittee would report to the Panel on Housing on its work after February 2019. Members raised no objection to this arrangement.

(Post-meeting note: The report of the Subcommittee was submitted to the Panel on Housing on 9 April 2019 vide LC Paper No. CB(1)857/18-19.)

II. Any other business

10. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 1:10 pm.

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Proceedings of forth meeting on
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Time marker	Speaker	Subject(s)	Action required
Arrangements for dealing with animals affected by the Wang Chau Development Project and relevant policy issues			
000515 – 000930	Chairman	Opening remarks	
Session One			
000931 – 001256	Chairman Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (HK)	Presentation of views [LC Papers No. CB(1)516/18-19(01) and CB(1)574/18-19(01)]	
001257 – 001616	Chairman Give Dogs A Home	Presentation of views [LC Papers No. CB(1)574/18-19(02)]	
001617 – 001914	Chairman 吉秋爽女士	Presentation of views	
001915 – 002232	Chairman 陳靖怡小姐	Presentation of views	
002233 – 002550	Chairman 劉彥昭先生	Presentation of views	
002551 – 002747	Chairman 余佩芸小姐	Presentation of views	
002748 – 003036	Chairman 祝嘉樂先生	Presentation of views	
003037 – 003400	Chairman 區國權先生	Presentation of views	
003401 – 003743	Chairman 伍靜嫻小姐	Presentation of views	
003744 – 004143	Chairman 歐陽元先生	Presentation of views	

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004144 – 004547	Chairman 鄧貴蓮小姐	Presentation of views	
004548 – 004745	Chairman 黃橋根先生	Presentation of views	
004746 – 005058	Chairman 張貴財先生	Presentation of views	
005059 – 005421	Chairman Mr Raphael WONG Ho-ming	Presentation of views	
005422 – 005736	Chairman 陳秉鳳小姐	Presentation of views	
005737 – 010135	Chairman 陳嘉燊先生	Presentation of views	
010136 – 011440	Chairman Administration	The Administration's response to deputations' views	
011441 – 011950	Chairman Dr CHENG Chung-tai Administration	<p>Dr CHENG Chung-tai considered that the Administration should respond to the aspirations of residents affected by Wang Chau development regarding the arrangements for their dogs/animals, taking into account the fact that the affected residents considered that their dogs/animals were part of their family and should be allowed to continue living with them in public housing.</p> <p>Dr CHENG Chung-tai enquired about –</p> <p>(a) whether the Administration had recorded the number of animals kept by affected households in Wang Chau when conducting the relevant pre-clearance freezing survey; and</p> <p>(b) the number of dogs/animals in Wang Chau.</p> <p>The Administration advised that –</p> <p>(a) the pre-clearance freezing survey conducted in Wang Chau in October 2015 was a registration exercise for the affected households and their squatter structures, and its scope did not cover dogs/animals;</p>	

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		<p>(b) the number of licenced dogs whose registered addresses were situated in Wang Chau was about 200, and the registered addresses might not be the actual addresses of these dogs; and</p> <p>(c) the Administration did not conduct surveys on the number of dogs/animals in a particular area, such as the affected areas of its land development projects.</p> <p>In response to Dr CHENG Chung-tai's and the Chairman's enquiry about whether the Administration would conduct afresh survey on dogs/animals in the affected areas of its land development projects, the Administration advised that there was currently no such plan.</p>	
011951 – 012637	Chairman Dr Fernando CHEUNG Administration	<p>Dr Fernando CHEUNG opined that –</p> <p>(a) the Administration should compile statistics on the animals that would be affected by its land development projects and pay heed to the impact of the projects on animals in project planning, and</p> <p>(b) the Administration should work out appropriate measures to deal with the dogs/animals kept by the affected households of its land development projects, as these households were forced to move out from their villages and the dogs/animals were part of their family.</p> <p>The Administration advised that –</p> <p>(a) the Administration attached great importance to animal welfare, and had put in place established measures to manage stray animals, such as trap-neuter-return programmes; and</p> <p>(b) the transitional units used for rehousing eligible affected households in Wang Chau were housing units in the Hong Kong Housing Authority ("HA")'s public rental housing ("PRH") or the Hong Kong Housing Society ("HS")'s rental estates, and in formulating the animal keeping policies in these estates, HA and HS needed to achieve a harmonious community whereby the different interests of residents were being respected at large.</p>	

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012638 – 013237	Chairman Ms Claudia MO Administration	<p>Ms Claudia MO opined that –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) it was not desirable for the Administration/HA to deal with the requests from residents affected by Wang Chau development for keeping their animals in public housing estates on a case-by-case basis; (b) these animals were part of the family of the affected residents; and (c) the Administration should draw up a good policy to protect the welfare of the animals affected by its land development projects in order to avoid their being euthanized. <p>The Administration advised that –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) affected residents who moved to public housing were required to follow the animal keeping policies in public housing estates; and (b) other than dogs approved under the Temporary Permission Rule, guide dogs and companion dogs, HA/HS currently considered residents' request for keeping of other animals on a case-by-case basis. 	
013238 – 013721	Chairman Dr KWOK Ka-ki Administration	<p>Dr KWOK Ka-ki opined that households affected by Wang Chau development were forced to move out from their villages, and the Administration should provide appropriate arrangements for the animals kept by these households.</p> <p>Dr KWOK Ka-ki asked about the requirements that had to be met by households who wished to keep companion dogs for mental support, and whether the authorities would provide assistance to households in meeting the requirements.</p> <p>The Administration advised that HA's tenants who needed to keep companion dogs for mental support were required to provide medical support from medical practitioners, and the Housing Department ("HD") could provide assistance to them during the application process.</p>	
013722 – 014654	Chairman Mr LEUNG Che-cheung Administration	<p>Mr LEUNG Che-cheung opined that as the Administration would take forward various land development projects over the territory in coming years, it should study the formulation of policies to specifically cater for the requests for keeping animals from affected households moving to public housing estates.</p>	

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		<p>Mr LEUNG Che-cheung enquired about –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) how the Administration would deal with requests for keeping animals in dedicated rehousing estates; (b) why the Wang Chau development project was a Category B item instead of a Category A item under the Capital Works Programme; and (c) whether the Administration would adopt a more lenient approach in handling the requests from households to build domestic structures and resume their small-scale planting on their new private land. <p>The Administration advised that –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) with reference to the examples at some of the existing HS's subsidized sale flats estates which allowed dog keeping, the Administration and HS would consider the relevant arrangement when reviewing the pet keeping arrangement at HS's dedicated rehousing estates; (b) the Administration categorized capital works items according to the principles endorsed by the Legislative Council, and as Wang Chau development was not a new development area project, it was not a Category A item; (c) the Lands Department considered whether an affected villager who applied for agricultural resite was a genuine farmer based on the professional advice provided by the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department ("AFCD"); and (d) the Administration had explained to the about 20 households who applied for agricultural resite the relevant policies, and AFCD had visited about 10 of them and had requested them to provide supplementary information. 	
014655 – 015250	Chairman Mr KWONG Chun-yu Administration	<p>Mr KWONG Chun-yu opined that –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the Administration should formulate a holistic policy to deal with and accommodate animals affected by its development clearance exercises; and (b) the Animal Management Centres ("AMCs") of AFCD should provide animal re-homing services for the animals received by them in order to avoid them from being euthanized. 	

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		<p>The Administration advised that the Administration's financial proposal to create a commitment of \$1 billion for implementing a funding scheme to support non-government organizations ("NGOs") to take forward worthy projects on vacant government sites had been approved by the Finance Committee on 25 January 2019, and construction of animal adoption centres was one of the possible use of such sites.</p> <p>Mr KWONG Chung-yu opined that –</p> <p>(a) the funding scheme mentioned by the Administration would support a variety of initiatives, and the funding that would be allocated to animal welfare initiatives might be insufficient to deal with the large number of animals affected by the Administration's land development projects; and</p> <p>(b) the Administration should enhance the facilities of existing AMCs to cater for providing animal re-homing services.</p> <p>The Administration took note of members' views about the need to accommodate animals affected by its land development projects and would consider the matter holistically.</p>	
015251 – 020352	<p>Chairman Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (HK) Give Dogs A Home 區國權先生 伍靜嫻小姐 歐陽元先生</p>	<p>At the invitation of the Chairman, deputations gave their further views.</p>	
020353 – 020429	<p>Chairman</p>	<p>The Chairman requested the Administration to provide a written response on the views of the deputations given at the meeting.</p>	<p>The Administration to follow up as stated in paragraph 5(a) of the minutes.</p>

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Session Two			
021100 – 021414	Chairman 動物友善政策關注小組	Presentation of views [LC Paper No. CB(1)533/18-19(02)]	
021415 – 021715	Chairman 吳君倩小姐	Presentation of views	
021716 – 022034	Chairman 王心龍先生	Presentation of views	
022035 – 022348	Chairman 林梓晴小姐	Presentation of views	
022349 – 022706	Chairman 謝欣然小姐	Presentation of views	
022707 – 023000	Chairman 何潔泓小姐	Presentation of views	
023001 – 023312	Chairman NENT Animal Rangers	Presentation of views	
023313 – 023621	Chairman 岑敖暉先生	Presentation of views	
023622 – 023932	Chairman 陳妙珠小姐	Presentation of views	
023933 – 024223	Chairman 張婉麗小姐	Presentation of views	
024224 – 024536	Chairman 陳嘉琳小姐	Presentation of views	
024537 – 024844	Chairman 曾樂欣小姐	Presentation of views	
024845 – 025154	Chairman 朱智鍵先生	Presentation of views	
025155 – 025550	Chairman 橫洲綠化帶發展 關注組	Presentation of views	

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025551 – 030030	Chairman Miss Anna CHAN	Presentation of views	
030031 – 030357	Chairman Hong Kong Animal Welfare Law (Civil Draft) - Mongrel Dog Lovers	Presentation of views [LC Paper No. CB(1)548/18-19(01)]	
030358 – 030748	Chairman 李耀生先生	Presentation of views	
030749 – 031021	Chairman 橫洲動物關注組	Presentation of views	
031022 – 031326	Chairman 可持續發展關注組	Presentation of views	
031327 – 031643	Chairman Green Sense	Presentation of views	
031644 – 032718	Chairman Administration	Administration's response to deputations' views	
032719 – 032844	Chairman All Members present	Moving of motion by Dr Fernando CHEUNG	
032845 – 033259	Chairman Ms Claudia MO Administration	<p>Ms Claudia MO opined that the policies regarding welfare of domestic animals mainly fell under the preview of the Food and Health Bureau ("FHB"), and FHB's relevant representatives should also attend the meeting to address members' questions about the subject matter. The Chairman enquired whether FHB was the bureau responsible for formulation of policies to deal with domestic animals affected by new development areas projects.</p> <p>The Administration advised that –</p> <p>(a) the government officials attending the meeting were representatives of the Administration who received public views on and discuss with members matters relating to the discussion item; and</p> <p>(b) the Transport and Housing Bureau ("THB") would continue to closely liaise with FHB on the relevant issues of concern raised by the Subcommittee.</p>	

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		<p>Ms Claudia MO enquired about the Administration's advice on the actions that should be taken by affected households in Wang Chau to deal with their animals before they moved to public housing estates.</p> <p>The Administration advised that AFCD had been collaborating with AWOs in strengthening the work in animal neutering in rural areas with a view to addressing the growth in the number of animals.</p>	
033300 – 033728	Chairman Dr CHENG Chung-tai Administration	<p>Dr CHENG Chung-tai opined that –</p> <p>(a) the Administration should compile statistics on the animals that would be affected by the Administration's land development projects, including those in the new development areas, and THB should relay to relevant bureaux such as the Development Bureau and FHB members' view about the matter; and</p> <p>(b) dogs affected by land development projects and abandoned by affected households might be received by nearby kennels, and problems might arise in future when the operation of such kennels were also affected by the Administration's development clearances.</p> <p>The Administration advised that THB would liaise with FHB on the issues raised by Dr CHENG.</p>	
033729 – 034128	Chairman Mr KWONG Chun-yu Administration	<p>Mr KWONG Chun-yu opined that –</p> <p>(a) it was not desirable that AMCs failed to cater for providing animal re-homing services and the Administration mainly resorted to euthanasia to deal with problems of abandoned/stray dogs; and</p> <p>(b) the Administration should formulate and discuss with the relevant LegCo committees holistic policies and arrangements to protect the animals in the areas to be affected by its land development projects, and should deal with the impacts of such projects on the animals and the households keeping the animals.</p> <p>The Administration took note of Mr KWONG's views and would follow up as appropriate.</p>	

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034129 – 034749	Chairman Administration	<p>The Chairman enquired about the number of dogs in Wang Chau Phase 1 development, and suggested that relevant government departments should find out the households keeping these dogs and the rehousing arrangements that had been opted by these households.</p> <p>The Administration advised that –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the number of licenced dogs in Wang Chau Phase 1 was about 80; and (b) there might be discrepancies between the registered addresses of these licenced dogs and their actual addresses, and the Administration would follow up the Chairman's suggestion as far as practicable. <p>The Chairman enquired whether and how the Administration would enhance the animal re-homing services and increase the number of animals that would be adopted in order to cater for large number of animals affected by its land development projects in coming years.</p> <p>The Administration advised that –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) AFCD was currently working with 17 partner AWOs, and hoped to collaborate with more AWOs in order to enhance the animal adoption services; and (b) suitability of an animal for adoption was a factor affecting the number of animals adopted. <p>The Chairman opined that –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the reliability of the assessment on the suitability of an animal for re-homing might be compromised due to time and resource constraints; and (b) the Administration should add facilities in the existing four AMCs to cater for providing animal re-homing services. <p>The Administration advised that –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the Administration worked closely with AWOs in assessing animals' suitability for re-homing, and the assessment was conducted taking into account relevant international practices and the advice of veterinaries; and 	

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		(b) the four AMCs were responsible for rabies control, animal quarantine and related law enforcement, and their existing facilities did not cater for providing animal re-homing services to members of the public.	
034750 – 035128	The Chairman Administration NENT Animal Rangers	At the invitation of the Chairman, deputations gave their further views, and the Administration responded to the views.	
035129 – 035309	The Chairman	<p>The Chairman remarked that –</p> <p>(a) the existing policies and arrangements put in place by the Administration could not effectively protect the welfare of the animals affected by land development projects; and</p> <p>(b) the Administration should study the formulation of a holistic policy, instead of relying on NGOs only, to deal with the issues.</p>	
035310 – 035919	Chairman All Members present	<p>Way forward of the Subcommittee</p> <p>The Chairman requested the Administration –</p> <p>(a) to provide a written response on whether a copy of the guidelines/directions had been provided by the Administration to its staff (including HD staff) in conducting informal consultation/lobbying sessions to collect opinions of stakeholders in taking forward the project for Phase 1 public housing development at Wang Chau, and if so, a copy of such guidelines/directions; and</p> <p>(b) to confirm on or before 11 February 2019 whether and when the report on the engineering feasibility study for site formation and infrastructure works for Phases 2 and 3 of the public housing development at Wang Chau would be available with a view to facilitating the Subcommittee Chairman to decide whether a further meeting was necessary prior to 27 February 2019, which was the end of the Subcommittee's work period.</p>	The Administration to follow up as stated in paragraphs 5(b) and (c) of the minutes.

(Post meeting note: A further submission from Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (HK) and a submission from Give Dogs a Home were circulated to members vide LC Papers No. CB(1)574/18-19(01) and (02) on 13 February 2019 in electronic form.)

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