

## Panel on Housing

List of follow-up actions

(position as at 8 October 2018)

Subject	Date of meeting	Follow-up action required	Administration's response
1. Measures to facilitate the mobility needs of elderly residents by the Hong Kong Housing Authority	5.2.2018	The Administration was requested to provide information about the number of applications for home modification/adaptation works in public rental housing units that had been received from tenants/handled by the Hong Kong Housing Authority in the past few years.	The Administration's response was circulated vide LC Paper No. CB(1)1176/17-18(01) on 25 June 2018.
2. Quality management of products used in public housing developments	5.2.2018	<p>The Administration was requested to provide the following information:</p> <p>(a) with respect to the concern whether the Hong Kong Housing Authority ("HA") could cope with the workload relating to the quality management/control of building materials used in public housing developments (including the risk treatment measures applied to the five building construction work stages as mentioned in paragraph 7 of LC Paper No. CB(1)523/17-18(01)) given the considerable number of HA's building projects underway/project sites, details of the manpower deployment to undertake the relevant work; and</p> <p>(b) details about the HA/Housing Department's guidelines in relation to the quality management/control of building materials, and the penalties that could be imposed on non-compliance cases.</p>	The Administration's response was circulated vide LC Paper No. CB(1)1176/17-18(01) on 25 June 2018.

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<p>3. Review of the Green Form Subsidised Home Ownership Scheme Pilot Project</p>	<p>5.3.2018</p>	<p>The Administration was requested to provide the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) the number of public rental housing ("PRH") units completed in 2017;</li> <li>(b) the cost for the Hong Kong Housing Authority ("HA") to refurbish a PRH unit recovered from PRH tenants for allocation to a PRH applicant;</li> <li>(c) whether and how HA/the Administration would project/take into account the number and sizes of PRH units that would be recovered from the Green Form Subsidised Home Ownership Scheme unit ("GSH") buyers in future when planning for the PRH production/the number of new PRH units of different sizes to be produced; and</li> <li>(d) whether the Administration would give up or modify the policy outlined in paragraph 23 of the Speech by the Chief Executive in delivering the 2017 Policy Address to the Legislative Council in October 2017 that "future public housing developments should include more GSH units instead of PRH units", given that HA considered it prudent to implement GSH at a more modest pace to gather experience, reduce risk of unsold flats and minimize impact on the waiting time for PRH</li> </ul>	<p>The Administration's response was circulated vide LC Paper No. CB(1)1176/17-18(01) on 25 June 2018.</p>

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		<p>applicants (as advised in paragraph 17 of the Administration's paper LC Paper No. CB(1)627/17-18(05)); if yes, the details; if no, the reasons.</p>	
<p>4. The work of the Sales of First-hand Residential Properties Authority</p>	<p>10.4.2018</p>	<p>The Administration was requested to provide the following information:</p> <p>(a) whether there were any suggestion(s) relating to sales of first-hand residential properties (such as suggestions on how to enhance the transparency and fairness in the sales of residential properties, strengthen consumer protection, etc.) raised by vendors/developers/other stakeholders (such as Consumer Council, purchasers/prospective purchasers, professional bodies, etc.) since the implementation of the Residential Properties (First-hand Sales) Ordinance (Cap. 621) ("the Ordinance"), which the Sales of First-hand Residential Properties Authority ("SRPA") would further study and/or take into consideration when reviewing the Ordinance in future; if yes, the details; and</p> <p>(b) whether SRPA would study the following issues/suggestions and/or review the Ordinance with due regard to these issues/suggestions –</p>	<p>Response awaited</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) setting a time limit for developers to put up for sale of/sell out their completed first-hand residential flats, so as to prevent developers from hoarding such properties;</li> <li>(ii) introducing vacancy tax on completed first-hand residential properties; and</li> <li>(iii) whether saleable area of residential properties should not include the area of lift lobby and refuse room; if yes, the details; if no, the reasons.</li> </ul>	
<p>5. Marking Scheme for Estate Management Enforcement in Public Housing Estates of the Hong Kong Housing Authority</p>	<p>7.5.2018</p>	<p>The Administration was requested to provide the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) details on how the Housing Authority ("HA")/the Administration handled cases of throwing objects from height in public housing estates; the time taken by HA/the Administration to go through the procedures of handling a case of throwing objects from height, i.e. from the time it received the complaint until it completed the investigation and follow-up actions (including issue of warnings, allotment of points, etc.); whether the Administration would put in place measures to enhance the transparency of the procedures and shorten the time required for completing the</li> </ul>	<p>The Administration's response was circulated vide LC Paper No. CB(1)1176/17-18(01) on 25 June 2018.</p>

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		<p>procedures; if yes, the details; if no, the reasons;</p> <p>(b) the number of cases of throwing objects from height in public housing estates which involved casualties over the past several years, and the number of such cases in which the suspected offenders had been prosecuted and convicted;</p> <p>(c) in the past one year, the number of operations conducted by the HA's Special Operation Teams against throwing objects from height, the number of cases of throwing objects from height detected by the Special Operation Teams and the number of such cases in which HA/the Administration had instituted prosecutions;</p> <p>(d) details (with figure, if appropriate) about the deployment of surveillance systems (commonly called the "eyes in the sky") to detect throwing objects from height in public housing estates in the past three years (including the public housing estates at which the systems were installed and whether the installations were on permanent or ad-hoc basis, the public housing estates at which the systems had been installed and later removed, etc.);</p> <p>(e) given that the number of permitted dogs under the</p>	

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		<p>Temporary Permission Rule had reduced from about 13 300 in 2003 to about 1 200 by end-December 2017, (i) the reason(s) explaining the reduction; and (ii) HA/the Administration's position in respect of the concern that its measures to prohibit the keeping of unauthorized dogs in public housing estates had given rise to the problem of dog abandonment by tenants; and</p> <p>(f) any supplementary information, in addition to the information provided by the Administration at the meeting, in respect of members' questions on the trial scheme for keeping guide dog puppies ("the trial scheme") such as –</p> <p>(i) whether and when HA would review/evaluate the trial scheme with a view to extending the scheme to all public housing estates;</p> <p>(ii) whether HA would increase the number of voluntary guide dog puppy foster families under the trial scheme; and</p> <p>(iii) whether HA had discussed with/taken into account the views of the two main guide dog organizations (i.e. the Hong Kong Guide Dog Association and the Hong Kong Seeing Eye Dogs Service) when considering the public</p>	

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		housing estates suitable for implementing the trial scheme.	
6. Quota and Points System of the Hong Kong Housing Authority	7.5.2018	<p>The Administration was requested to provide the following information:</p> <p>(a) of the non-elderly one-person applicants under the Quota and Points System ("QPS") (the total of which was 127 800 as at end-December 2017), the respective number of them (i) aged below 45, and (ii) aged 45 or above; and</p> <p>(b) details about the implementation of the review and reinstatement mechanism under QPS; given that among the about 20 900 QPS applications which had been cancelled by the Housing Authority ("HA") through the regular checking on the eligibility of QPS applicants in 2015-2016 and 2016-2017, HA had received around 1 660 requests for review and reinstatement and of which, some 760 applications had been reinstated and 840 continued to be cancelled, (i) the criteria for considering whether an application should be reinstated or not; (ii) the reasons that HA reinstated the about 760 applications and (iii) the reasons that HA continued to cancel the about 840 applications.</p>	Response awaited
7. Tenancy control	4.6.2018	The Administration was requested to provide the	Response awaited

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(Joint meeting of the Panel on Housing and Panel on Welfare Services)		<p>following information –</p> <p>(a) details of the tenancy control regime in Sweden as mentioned in paragraph 4(a) of the Administration's paper (LC Paper No. CB(1)1052/17-18(01)), such as the operation of the regime, how the level of controlled rent was determined under the regime, etc.; and</p> <p>(b) the findings to support the Administration's claim that there was yet no consensus in the community over the introduction of any form of tenancy control (including partial tenancy/rent control regime).</p>	
8. Use of non-domestic premises of the Hong Kong Housing Authority	10.7.2018	The Administration was requested to provide information on the tenancy termination rate (or the annual number of cases of tenancy termination) in the flatted factory estates under the Hong Kong Housing Authority over past years.	Response awaited