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Mr. Derek LO
Legislative Council Secretariat
Legislative Council Complex,
1 Legislative Council Road,
Central, Hong Kong

Dear Mr. LO,

**Panel on Housing
Special Meeting on 26 May 2020**

Transitional Housing

I refer to your letter of 13 May 2020 enclosing Hon. Andrew WAN's letter dated 8 May 2020. The Hon. Member proposes to invite representatives of the Hong Kong Housing Authority (HA) and the Hong Kong Housing Society (HKHS) to attend the captioned special meeting on Transitional Housing on 26 May 2020 to discuss the Letting Scheme for Subsidised Sale Developments with Premium Unpaid (the Letting Scheme).

2. HKHS launched the Letting Scheme in September 2018 on a pilot basis. It provides eligible owners and tenants with an option, thereby optimizing the use of existing public housing resources. The Letting Scheme is not within the scope of Transitional Housing that the Transport and Housing Bureau is currently undertaking.

3. After conducting a review, HKHS launched the enhanced Letting Scheme in October 2019. At the same time, HA also joined the enhanced Letting Scheme on a trial basis, allowing eligible owners of HA's subsidised sale flats to let their flats with premium unpaid to families in need as well. As at 18 May 2020, HKHS has received 311 and 506 applications from owners and tenants respectively, among which 230 and 243 applications from owners and tenants respectively had been approved, with three transactions recorded.

Furthermore, there are 13 other cases where the owners and prospective tenants are in the final stage of concluding the tenancy agreements at the moment.

4. HA and HKHS will conduct a mid-term review of the effectiveness of the scheme in the light of operational experiences after one year of operation. We will be glad to report the review results to the Panel in due course.

5. The Administration's attendance for the special meeting on Transitional Housing on 26 May 2020 is as follows –

- 1) Dr. So Wai Man, Raymond, BBS, JP
Under Secretary for Transport and Housing
- 2) Mr. CHAN Nap Ming
Project Director 1, Task Force on Transitional Housing, Transport and Housing Bureau
- 3) Mr. WONG Wing Hung, Stephen
Project Director 2, Task Force on Transitional Housing, Transport and Housing Bureau

Yours sincerely,

(Original Signed)

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for Secretary of Transport and Housing Bureau

c.c. HKHS (Attn.: Ms. Pamela Leung)