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Dear Mr Lo,

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

Thank you for your letter of 13 May 2020 to the Hong Kong Housing Society (HKHS). With respect to the invitation extended by Hon. Andrew Wan for representatives of the Hong Kong Housing Authority (HA) and HKHS to discuss the Letting Scheme for Subsidised Sale Developments with Premium Unpaid (the Letting Scheme) and its latest development at the captioned special meeting on Transitional Housing, we note that the Transport and Housing Bureau replied to you on 19 May 2020 regarding the attendance arrangement for the Special Meeting on Transitional Housing, and indicated that matters relevant to the Letting Scheme will be reported separately to the Panel in due course.

The latest development of the Letting Scheme has also been set forth in the reply of the Transport and Housing Bureau to the Legislative Council Secretariat (See Appendix). In this connection, we would like to share the most recent updates. As at 20 May 2020, four transactions under the Letting Scheme have been recorded. To facilitate the matching between eligible owners and tenants who have obtained the relevant certificates under the Letting Scheme, HKHS also launched an online matching platform earlier this year. 79 owners and 36 tenants have made use/are making use of the platform to explore possible matches.

HA and HKHS will conduct a mid-term review of the effectiveness of the enhanced Letting Scheme after one year of operation and we would be glad to report the review findings to the Panel in due course.

Yours faithfully,



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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,

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