

## Director of Housing responds to views raised by Housing Authority Members at annual special open meeting

The following press release is issued on behalf of the Hong Kong Housing Authority:

The Director of Housing, Mr Donald Tong, today (September 1) responded in writing to the speeches and views on housing matters delivered and expressed by members of the Hong Kong Housing Authority (HA) at its annual special open meeting held on June 8.

Mr Tong had planned to give the response to members' views at the HA regular open meeting scheduled for August 7, but as the meeting was cancelled due to the latest situation of the coronavirus disease 2019 epidemic, he replied in writing instead.

In the response, Mr Tong elaborated on the measures that the Government and the HA adopted to relieve public difficulties and to prevent the spread of the virus amid the epidemic. Regarding members' concerns on issues such as increasing the supply of public housing, redeveloping aged public housing estates, rationalising the use of public housing resources, enhancing living environments in housing estates and expediting the sale of Subsidised Sale Flats, etc, he set forth various strategies and initiatives adopted by the Government and the HA. He also responded to members' views on a number of housing-related government initiatives, including offering assistance to households waiting for public rental housing over a prolonged period of time, the progress of the transitional housing initiative and the work of the Task Force for the Study on Tenancy Control of Subdivided Units.

The full reply by Mr Tong has been uploaded onto the HA's website: [www.housingauthority.gov.hk/en/common/pdf/about-us/housing-authority/ha-paper-library/HA23-20-EN.pdf](http://www.housingauthority.gov.hk/en/common/pdf/about-us/housing-authority/ha-paper-library/HA23-20-EN.pdf).