

Task Force for the Study on Tenancy Control of Subdivided Units

1st Meeting Summary

1. The first meeting of the Task Force for the Study on Tenancy Control of Subdivided Units (the Task Force) has been held on 29 April 2020 at the Central Government Offices.
2. The Task Force agreed the scope of work as follows –
 - (a) to review the Government's previous study on subdivided units in 2013 under the work of the Long Term Housing Strategy;
 - (b)
 - (i) to examine the current situation of subdivided units in Hong Kong;
 - (ii) to enhance understanding of tenancy control of subdivided units and related issues;
 - (iii) to review measures relating to tenancy control of subdivided units and take into account experiences both in and outside Hong Kong in reviewing and evaluating such measures;
 - (iv) to study the feasibility of and options relating to the introduction of tenancy control on subdivided units, as well as other relevant issues;
 - (v) to engage the public in informed discussion on relevant issues relating to tenancy control on subdivided units; and
 - (vi) to gauge views of different groups of stakeholders; and
 - (c) to report to the Government and advise on the situations of subdivided units in Hong Kong, including whether tenancy control of subdivided units and/or any other alternatives should be considered.
3. The Task Force discussed and outlined the work plan. The Task Force planned to convene at least eleven meetings and the work plan comprises roughly three stages. In the first stage, the Task Force will seek to comprehensively appraise the actual situation of subdivided units through on-site visits and meetings with concerned parties. In the second stage, public forums will be organised to gauge views of the community. If feasible, the Task Force may also conduct interviews and pay visits outside Hong Kong. In the third stage, analysis, synthesis and conclusion of the feasibility of and options relating to the introduction of tenancy control on subdivided units will be undertaken so as to prepare a final report for reporting to the Government.

4. At the meeting the Task Force agreed on the appointment of consultant to assist the work of the Task Force and initially proposed the commissioning of three studies in the following areas relating to tenancy control –
 - (a) fact finding and social aspects;
 - (b) economic aspects; and
 - (c) legal aspects.