



**The EAA and the estate agency trade representatives exchange views with the Housing Bureau again on the proposed “Basic Housing Units” regulatory regime**

(21 February 2025) Following the stakeholder consultation session on 14 January 2025, the Estate Agents Authority (“EAA”) and the estate agency trade representatives today exchanged views with the Housing Bureau (“HB”) again on the proposed regulatory regime for Basic Housing Unit (“BHU”).

The EAA’s Chairman Mr Simon SIU Chak-yu, BBS, JP, Director of Operations Mr CHAN U Keng, and 15 representatives from the trade including the directors and members of eight major estate agency trade associations, attended the session. During the session, the Secretary for Housing, Ms Winnie HO Wing-yin, JP, led other major HB officials to elaborate to the EAA and trade representatives on the Government’s proposal on the BHU regulatory regime, and listened to the opinions of the EAA and trade representatives.

EAA’s Chairman Mr Simon SIU Chak-yu reiterated that the EAA fully supports the Government’s efforts to find a long-term solution to the problem of substandard subdivided units (“SDUs”). The EAA will pay close attention to the legislative process of the Bill on BHUs, maintain close communication with the Government and the estate agency trade, and if necessary update the guidelines issued for the commencement of Part IVA of the Landlord and Tenant (Consolidation) Ordinance in January 2022. The EAA will also strengthen trade education to ensure the estate agents’ compliance.

Mr SIU once again called on the trade to comply with EAA’s guidelines on SDUs, in not providing assistance to landlords to contravene the security



of tenure requirements or overcharging public utilities and services.

As of the end of January 2025, the EAA has received a total of 24 complaints related to SDUs. Some of them were about general rental issues unrelated to the guidelines on SDUs. Among the complaints that concern the guidelines, two were substantiated after investigation and inquiry hearings by the EAA and the concerned estate agents have been disciplined. Another case is being scheduled for inquiry hearing while the other cases are under investigation.

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