Members are invited to note that there are slight amendments to paragraphs 4 and 11 of the captioned paper as follows -

Paragraph 4 - To be amended as -

“WL applicants may add family members or other relatives to their applications while they are waiting for their turn of public rental housing (PRH) allocation. Apart from income and other criteria, the eligibility of such households for PRH flats also depends on the ‘majority residence rule’, i.e. in order to be eligible for PRH allocation, over 50% of the household members, including the applicant, must have been living in Hong Kong for seven years or above.”
Paragraph 11 - To be amended as -

“For WL applicants, they enjoy a great deal of flexibility as they may add new family members to their applications while waiting for their turn of PRH allocation. The main contentious issue is the ‘majority residence rule’ which must be fulfilled before the allocation of PRH flats. Members may wish to note that of the some 90,000 applications vetted in the past three years, about 5,000 did not satisfy the “majority residence rule”’. This rule has caused many new immigrants great difficulty. Under the present policy, they are allowed to add their spouses and children under the age of 18 from China into their applications but will only be allocated PRH flats when a majority of the family members of the household, including the applicant, have lived in Hong Kong for seven years. There thus appears a peculiar phenomenon that applicants with new immigrant spouses/children sometimes try to meet the “majority residence rule” by having more children born in Hong Kong while waiting for their turn of PRH allocation.”

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