

**Independent Committee in relation to the fire
at Wang Fuk Court in Tai Po**

Directions made on 8 May 2026

At the evidential hearing held on 8 May 2026, the Chairman of the Independent Committee in relation to the fire at Wang Fuk Court in Tai Po (the Independent Committee) has made the following directions -

1. The evidence received by the Independent Committee so far in respect of bid-rigging or other irregularities under its Terms of Reference (ToR) (2)¹ mainly focus on the large-scale building maintenance and renovation works at Wang Fuk Court. The evidence do not cover other similar works in Hong Kong. In light of this, the Independent Committee will make reference to the conclusions of the reports submitted by relevant law enforcement agencies (LEAs) concerning ToR(2), and the information received from members of the public and organisations², as the basis for its

¹ ToR(2) of the Independent Committee is as follows –
regarding large-scale building maintenance and renovation works, to examine whether there were systemic problems such as undue connected interests, conflicts of roles, or improper collusion across all stages of the works; and whether bid-rigging corruption, or irregularities were involved in the tendering process of these works.

² The Independent Committee has invited members of the public and organisations earlier to provide information and views from 31 March to 14 April 2026 on whether there were systemic problems, such as undue connected interests, conflicts of roles, or improper collusion across all stages of large-scale building maintenance and renovation works (not limited to Wang Fuk Court in Tai Po); and whether bid-rigging corruption or irregularities were involved

findings of fact under this ToR.

2. On or before 15 May 2026, the Independent Committee will upload the reports submitted by the relevant LEAs and the related materials to its website for members of the public's and involved parties' reference.
3. Should members of the public or involved parties have any objection to the conclusions of the reports submitted by the LEAs, or to the Independent Committee's approach in handling ToR(2), they must submit their justifications to the Independent Committee³ in writing on or before 8 June 2026.
4. Should involved parties have any recommendations on improvement measures in relation to the matters under ToR(1)⁴ and (2) of the

in the tendering process of the relevant works.

³ Written justifications can be sent to the Secretariat of the Independent Committee by email (secretariat@ic-wangfukcourtfire.gov.hk), fax (2333 1302), or mail (10/F, Immigration Tower, 7 Gloucester Road, Wan Chai, Hong Kong).

⁴ ToR(1) of the Independent Committee is as follows –
regarding the fire broken out at Wang Fuk Court in Tai Po, its rapid spread and the resulting casualties and property damage, to examine the causes and circumstances that led to the fire; the fire service installations and equipment in the buildings, and the supervision and responsibility for their effective operation; whether the construction safety requirements, standards, supervision and day-to-day maintenance regime for the building maintenance and renovation works were adequate; regarding the building maintenance and renovation works, whether the prevailing list of materials meeting safety standards is comprehensive, and whether the related verification and testing systems are effective; the roles and responsibilities of personnel with supervisory roles across all stages (including government officers,

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authorised professionals, contractors and others); and the liabilities arising from the aforementioned issues.

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