The government announced that it is working on a new bill that puts status holders on the social rental market on an equal footing with other home seekers. Additionally, the government is making agreements with municipalities and other parties involved for the rapid development of flexible housing locations for status holders as an alternative to the use of social housing.

Once there is a sufficient supply of alternative housing, priority for status holders will no longer be legally possible, as agreed in the coalition agreement. Therefore, the government withdrew the bill sent to the House of Representatives by the previous cabinet which proposed the scrapping of priority for status holders, following reactions by the Council of State, municipalities and other stakeholders who voiced concerns about the feasibility of the bill. A booster team has been appointed that will map out good examples of successful initiatives for alternative housing and help municipalities if housing is still difficult.

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