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Dear Dr. Lo,

Clinics in Public Housing Estates

Further to the interim reply on 20 July 2001, I append below the required information on the situation of clinics since the change of allocation system from ballot to open tender:

1. There are 24 doctors who had successfully tendered the clinic premises but subsequently withdrew their tenders.
2. Three doctors had signed up but later surrendered back the premises without opening for business. However, there is no doctor who had opened the clinic for business but surrendered back at mid term.
3. As the first open tender exercise for clinics was introduced in early 2000, the initial 3-year tenancy term for clinics under this system will not expire until early 2003. Renewal of tenancy will normally be carried out before expiry to tenancy. As such, there is no non-renewal of tenancies upon completion of initial terms at present.
4. The premises designated for the trade of "clinic" are designed and built for the operation of a clinic. Under normal circumstances, request for relocation to a smaller unit or unit at less favourable location will not be entertained. Moreover, we have not received any application for this nature from doctors who have leased the clinic through open tender.

5. Out of 527 clinics in public housing estates, there are 7 casual vacancies at present and tendering exercise to fill up these vacancies is in progress. The vacancy rate at present stands at 1.3%.

If you require additional information, please contact Mr. MACK Kwong-ping, Senior Housing Manager/Commercial Tenancies at 2794 5656.

Yours faithfully,

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c.c. Secretary for Housing on 8 October 2001