

Information Paper for Legislative Council Panel on Housing Progress of clearing Temporary Housing Areas

Purpose

This paper reports the progress of clearing the remaining eight Temporary Housing Areas (THAs).

Background

2. In the 1997 Policy Address, the Government pledged to clear all the remaining THAs by 2000 with a view to providing a more satisfactory living environment to residents. In 1998, the Housing Department formally announced the clearance of the remaining eight THAs (listed at Annex).

3. Affected THA residents eligible for public rental housing (PRH) are rehoused in the same district, while those eligible only for interim housing (IH) are offered IH flats in Kwai Chung, Yuen Long or Tuen Mun.

4. At the meeting of the LegCo Council Panel on Housing held on 24 October 2000, the Government was asked to provide a report on the progress of clearing the THAs.

Present Position

5. As at 10 November 2000, 3,224 (83%) out of the 3,878 affected households in the eight THAs have been rehoused to PRH or IH according to their eligibility. Of the remaining 654 households, 251 are eligible for PRH (including those through the Anticipatory Housing Scheme) and the rest are eligible for IH (details at Annex). The Housing Department will continue to encourage these households to accept appropriate rehousing arrangements and to move out before the clearance days.

6. The Housing Department plans to clear the remaining THAs by November or December 2000.

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Annex

Rehousing Progress on Clearance of the Remaining 8 Temporary Housing Areas

(As at 10.11.2000)

Temporary Housing Areas	Number of households when clearance was announced	Number of households accepted rehousing	Number of households not yet accepted rehousing		
			PRH-eligible	IH-eligible	Total
1. Kai Lok	705	702	2 (1)	1	3
2. Kai Wo	152	151	0 (0)	1	1
3. Kai Yiu	145	145	0 (0)	0	0
4. Fat Tseung Street	457	409	31 (29)	17	48
5. Lung Ping Road	230	227	1 (1)	2	3
6. Sha Kok Mei	1 041	744	76 (49)	221	297
7. Tseung Kwan O	671	497	75 (55)	99	174
8. Long Bin	477	349	65 (56)	62	128
Total :	3878	3224	251 (191)	403	654

* Figures in brackets show the number of IH-eligible households under offer of public rental housing through the Anticipatory Housing Scheme.