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(Attn: Ms Connie Szeto)

Dear Ms Szeto,

**Legislative Council Panel on Housing
Follow-up actions arising from the Meeting of 5 Feb 2007**

Thank you for your letter of 6 February 2007. Our response to the questions raised by Members on Housing for Senior Citizens (HSC) at the meeting of the Panel on Housing on 5 February 2007 is as follows.

A Member proposed at the meeting that the Housing Department (HD) should provide free power supply for HSC to reduce tenants' expenditure. The HD has been providing quality service and facilities in HSC. At present, lights and power sockets of the shared facilities in the units, e.g., kitchens, bathrooms and living rooms, are provided with independent power supply and power sockets. Tenants pay their electricity charges in accordance with the user-pays principle. The HD has no plan to provide free power supply to tenants. Furthermore, the HD has provided public lighting in common areas of HSC, including corridors and recreation rooms. The HD will consider, on a case-by-case basis, improving public lighting facilities when necessary.

The numbers and vacancy rates of different types of HSC units are set out at the Annex. We will continue our effort to reduce the vacancy rate of HSC. As requested by Members, we will continue to monitor and review the letting position of HSC from time to time, and report to the Legislative Council Panel on Housing in the 2007/08 session.

Yours sincerely,

(Vic C H Yau)
for Secretary for Housing, Planning and Lands

**Vacancy of Housing for Senior Citizens (HSC) units by Design Types
(Position as at 31.12.2006)**

HSC Type	District	Estate	Total No. of Units	No. of Vacant Units	Vacancy Rate (%)	No. of Vacant HSC Units with Shared Bathroom and Kitchen Facilities
I	Urban	Choi Ha Estate	138	63	45.65	63
		Fung Tak Estate	138	36	26.09	36
		Hing Tung Estate	105	14	13.33	14
		Kai Tin Estate	155	18	11.61	18
		Ko Yee Estate *	114	48	42.11	48
		Lai On Estate	152	30	19.74	30
		Lower Wong Tai Sin (2) Estate	138	11	7.97	11
		Ping Tin Estate *	114	42	36.84	42
		Sau Mau Ping Estate *	159	44	27.67	44
		Tak Tin Estate *	276	89	32.25	89
		Tsui Ping South Estate	312	121	38.78	121
		Tsz Ching Estate *	114	47	41.23	47
		Tsz Lok Estate *	266	79	29.70	79
		Yiu Tung Estate	260	33	12.69	33
	Extended Urban	Cheung Fat Estate	141	16	11.35	16
		Cheung Hang Estate	138	77	55.80	77
		Chung On Estate	156	25	16.03	25
		Hau Tak (I) Estate	155	32	20.65	32
		Heng On Estate	138	39	28.26	39
		King Lam Estate	138	61	44.20	61
		Kwai Chung Estate	155	78	50.32	78
		Kwai Fong Estate	269	55	20.45	55
		Kwong Yuen Estate	135	24	17.78	24
		Ming Tak Estate	155	16	10.32	16
		On Yam Estate	269	109	40.52	109
		Shek Lei (1) Estate	152	60	39.47	60
	Shek Yam East Estate	155	45	29.03	45	
	New Territories	Fu Heng Estate	140	25	17.86	25
		Ka Fuk Estate	152	29	19.08	29
		Tai Wo Estate	138	22	15.94	22
		Tin King Estate	113	54	47.79	54
		Tin Tsz Estate	152	34	22.37	34
		Wah Ming Estate	138	58	42.03	58
Wan Tau Tong Estate		138	29	21.01	29	
Type I Sub-total :			5,568	1,563	28.07	1,563

HSC Type	District	Estate	Total No. of Units	No. of Vacant Units	Vacancy Rate (%)	No. of Vacant HSC Units with Shared Bathroom and Kitchen Facilities
II	Urban	Fu Cheong Estate	131	13	9.92	13
		Hoi Fu Estate	197	15	7.61	15
		Pak Tin Estate *	288	32	11.11	32
		Ping Tin Estate *	197	22	11.17	22
		Sau Mau Ping Estate *	131	23	17.56	23
		Tak Tin Estate *	216	43	19.91	43
		Tin Wan Estate	126	8	6.35	8
		Tsz Lok Estate *	144	11	7.64	11
		Un Chau Estate	394	23	5.84	23
	Extended Urban	Sheung Tak Estate	197	18	9.14	18
	New Territories	Tin Chak Estate	127	95	74.80	95
		Tin Wah Estate	197	30	15.23	30
Type II Sub-total :			2,345	333	14.20	333
III	Urban	Hong Tung Estate	160	1	0.63	0
		Ko Yee Estate *	156	9	5.77	0
		Pak Tin Estate *	128	6	4.69	0
		Sheung Lok Estate	136	10	7.35	0
		Tsui Ping North Estate	102	3	2.94	0
		Tsz Ching Estate *	197	6	3.05	0
		Wah Kwai Estate	127	3	2.36	0
		Wan Hon Estate	130	2	1.54	0
	Extended Urban	Kwai Shing East Estate	156	10	6.41	0
		Lai Yiu Estate	141	6	4.26	0
		Shek Yam Estate	132	2	1.52	0
		Wah Lai Estate	10	6	60.00	0
	New Territories	Tin Yuet Estate	197	9	4.57	0
		Yung Shing Estate	135	11	8.15	0
	Type III Sub-total :			1,907	84#	4.40
Grand Total :			9,820	1,980	20.16	1,896

* There are different types of HSC units in Ko Yee Estate, Pak Tin Estate, Ping Tin Estate, Sau Mau Ping Estate, Tsz Ching Estate, Tsz Lok Estate and Tak Tin Estate.

Every vacant HSC Type III unit is provided with a bathroom