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Clerk to Subcommittee on Poverty
Legislative Council
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(Attn.: Mr. Colin CHUI)

Dear Mr. CHUI,

**Legislative Council Subcommittee on Poverty
Minutes of the Fifth Meeting Held on 25 March 2013**

With reference to the action items under Item I paragraph 2 (b) and (c) of the captioned minutes of meeting, I provide the relevant information at the **Annex** for Members' reference, please.

Yours sincerely,



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Item 2(b) The number of flats occupied by sitting disabled or elderly public rental housing (PRH) tenants which had undergone free home modification works in the past five years and the expenses incurred in the modification works

Relevant information is available only for the past three years as follows-

	Period		
	Sep 2010 to Aug 2011	Sep 2011 to Aug 2012	Sep 2012 to Aug 2013
No. of Flats Undergone Free Modification Works for Elderly/Disabled Tenants	1 300	2 100	4 800
Expenses Involved (\$M)	5.14	7.48	12.85

Item 2(c) The time frame for providing lifts to all domestic floors in all PRH estates

In making effective use of public resources, the Housing Authority (HA) has accomplished the goal of providing lift services to existing PRH domestic blocks without lift services. The remaining domestic blocks without lift services are-

- low-rise rural housing blocks, or
- low-rise interim housing blocks, or
- blocks where lift addition is technically not feasible due to inadequate area to accommodate a new lift; or
- blocks with lift service in their adjoining blocks.

In order to enhance the quality, comfort and safety of lift service for PRH tenants, the HA has implemented a lift modernization programme for lifts used for 25 years or more. If it is technically viable, we will provide new lift landing openings for the floors without lift service during the lift replacement work. However, it may not be technically feasible to provide in some old PRH blocks built before early 1990s with new lift landings on the floors currently not served by lifts, typically the topmost floors because of building constraint.

If a tenant has difficulties in continuously living in the existing flat owing to medical reasons, he/she may apply for transfer to a flat in the same estate or another estate with lift service.