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Dear Dr Hon CHEUNG,

**Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2016-17
(Question Serial No. R017)**

I refer to the above question which you raised during the examination of the estimates of expenditure for 2016-17 regarding allocation of public rental housing (PRH) units to non-elderly one-person applicants. Our reply is as follows.

According to the readily available statistics maintained by the Housing Department, the number of non-elderly one-person applicants allocated with PRH units under the Quota and Points System (QPS) in the past five years is set out below –

Age Group \ Year	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (as at Dec 2015)
Below age 30	0	0	0	0	0
Age 30 - 39	35	37	54	48	12
Age 40 - 49	548	482	590	353	247
Age 50 or above	1 264	1 171	1 276	865	1 159
Total	1 847	1 690	1 920	1 266	1 418

Non-elderly one-person applicants, while awaiting allocation of PRH units under QPS, can also join the “Express Flat Allocation Scheme (EFAS)” launched by the Hong Kong Housing Authority (HA) annually to increase their chance of allocation. In 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16 (up to Dec 2015), the numbers of non-elderly one-person applicants allocated with PRH units through EFAS are 445, 270, 157, 173 and 47 respectively. HA has also put in place Compassionate Rehousing for those who have imminent housing needs on social or medical grounds. HD will arrange allocation of PRH units to eligible applicants as soon as possible upon the assessment and recommendation of the Social Welfare Department.

Yours sincerely,

(Original Signed)

(Jerry CHEUNG)

for Secretary for Transport and Housing

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