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Dear Dr Hon CHEUNG,

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2016-17

(Question Serial No. R114)

I refer to the above question which you raised during the examination of the estimates of expenditure for 2016-17 regarding the number of household splitting in the past five years. Our reply is as follows.

If household members of public rental housing (PRH) tenants have serious and deep-rooted disharmony or other compassionate reasons, the Hong Kong Housing Authority (HA) will consider their applications for household splitting upon the recommendation of the Social Welfare Department.

In considering the split household applications, HA requires the households to pass the comprehensive means test (CMT) with income and asset limits pitched at the levels for PRH application and meet the no-domestic-property requirement. Both parties of the split household must pass the above tests before being offered refurbished PRH units in the New Territories. If either party fails the CMT and/or cannot meet the no-domestic-property requirement, the splitting application will not be considered. HA however do not maintain a record on the number of split household applications the past five years.

Each year, the Subsidised Housing Committee of HA will consider and endorse the PRH Allocation Plan for various rehousing categories. Allocation of PRH units for splitting households above is grouped under the "Compassionate Rehousing (CR)" category. The planned allocation for CR in 2015-16 is 2 000 flats. In the past five years (i.e. 2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15), the number of PRH units allocated to splitting households were 116, 124, 124, 135 and 123 respectively.

Yours sincerely,

(Original Signed)

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