

NOTE FOR PUBLIC WORKS SUBCOMMITTEE OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

Supplementary Information on 53CD – River training works for the upper River Indus

INTRODUCTION

When Members considered paper PWSC(1999-2000)12 on **53CD** at the PWSC meeting held on 12 May 1999, we undertook to provide supplementary information on the detailed rehousing arrangement for the residents affected by land resumption under each of the river training projects mentioned in paragraphs 20 to 22 of the paper.

THE ADMINISTRATION'S RESPONSE

2. The river training projects mentioned in paragraphs 20 to 22 of the paper are -

- 24CD Regulation of Shenzhen River, stage I – improvement to river bends at Lok Ma Chau and Liu Pok
- 31CD Regulation of Shenzhen River stage II phase II – improvement to river sections between Liu Pok and Lok Ma Chau and from Lok Ma Chau to estuary
- 44CD Regulation of Shenzhen River, Stage II, Phase I – Reprovisioning of border road between Lok Ma Chau and Tam Kon Chau
- 87CL Shek Wu Hui development, package 4, engineering works
- 94CD River training works for the lower River Indus and River Beas
- 53CD River training works for the upper River Indus

3. The numbers of structures, families and persons affected by the land resumption and clearance required for the projects mentioned in paragraph 2 above are set out below -

Project	No. of structures affected	Eligible for rehousing (families/persons)		Not eligible for rehousing (families/persons)
		rental public housing	interim housing	
24CD	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
31CD	28	Nil	1/1	4/13
44CD	61	Nil	1/7	3/6
87CL	45	4/17	4/7	7/14
94CD	297	43/114	13/34	10/38
53CD	707	40/118	63/156	53/122
Total	1138	87/249	82/205	77/193

4. In line with the existing policy on rehousing of clearees affected by land resumption and clearance required for public works projects, the clearees who were affected by the above river training projects, other than **53CD**, and were eligible for rental public housing have been rehoused in the North District. Those who were eligible for interim housing have been rehoused to Long Bin, Yuen Long. Those who were not eligible for rental public housing but claimed to be homeless were subsequently offered temporary accommodation in transit centres. During their stay in these centres, we further examined their claims of homelessness. Clearees who were found genuinely homeless have been offered accommodation in interim housing.

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5. As regards the rehousing of clearees affected by **53CD**, the same policy will apply. The eligible clearees will be rehoused by August 1999 prior to the commencement of the works under **53CD**.

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