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Mrs. Mary TANG
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LegCo Panel on Housing
LegCo Building
8 Jackson Road
Central
Hong Kong

Dear Mrs. Tang,

**LegCo Panel on Housing
Subcommittee on Arrangements for Residents Affected
by Clearance of Squatter Areas**

Thank you for your letter of 23 March 2000 on the captioned subject.

I am pleased to submit a progress report showing the position as at 29 March 2000 on the rehousing arrangements for residents affected by the Diamond Hill Squatter Area Clearance. We will report the most updated situation at the meeting on 11 April.

As explained in our previous submission to the Subcommittee, the Administration is aware of the concern of some clearerees that they may have difficulty in adjusting to their new living environment. To assist clearerees, the following measures have been taken :

- A "Mobile Enquiry Depot" has been set up at the main entrance of Diamond Hill Squatter Area to answer enquiries of affected residents on rehousing matters;
- Guided tours for the affected clearerees were organised to visit Po Tin Interim Housing on 26 November 1999, 6 December 1999, 25 February 2000, 27 February 2000 and 5 March 2000.

- An information booklet on the environment and the community facilities of Po Tin Interim Housing is made available to all clearerees.

In addition, the Housing Department works closely with the Social Welfare Department to offer assistance to clearerees with specific and genuine difficulties. In this respect, you may wish to know that on recommendation by the Social Welfare Department, 35 households will be offered rehousing to public rental housing on compassionate ground.

Yours sincerely,

(Gary Au)
for Secretary for Housing

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**Progress Report on Clearance of Diamond Hill Squatter Area
(as at 29.3.2000)**

A. Domestic Households

	<u>No.</u>	
1) Structures covered by Pre-clearance survey	2,543	
2) Households affected	2,584	
3) Households eligible for rehousing	2,153	(100%)
4) Households accepted rehousing arrangement	1,199	(55.7%)
a) accepted public rental housing (PRH) offer	587*	
b) accepted interim housing (IH) offer	549	
i) Shek Lei (II) Estate	521	
ii) Kwai Shing (East) Estate	28	
c) joined Home Ownership Scheme/Private Sector Participation Scheme/Home Purchase Loan Scheme/Buy-or-Rent Option Scheme	49	
d) opted for Singleton / Doubleton Allowance in lieu of rehousing	14	
5) Households pending rehousing offer	954	(44.3%)
a) eligible for PRH	108*	
b) eligible for IH	846#	

B. Business Undertakings (174 nos.)

a) eligible for ex-gratia allowance	121	
b) ineligible for ex-gratia allowance	53	

* Including 35 households recommended for PRH by Social Welfare Department on compassionate ground.

Including 147 households which have selected IH units under Self Flat Selection Scheme. Intake is in progress