

Information Paper for LegCo Panel on Housing and Panel on Planning, Lands and Works on Unauthorized Building Works

Administration's response to Members' questions at meeting held on 18 April 2000

Background

Members were informed of the Government's policy and measures in dealing with problems of unauthorized building works (UBWs) and rehousing of displaced occupants as a result of Buildings Department's (BD's) clearance actions.

2. This paper sets out the Administration's response to Members' questions raised at the meeting of 18 April 2000.

Rehousing Figures in Recent Years

3. In the past six years between 1994/95 and 1999/2000, a total of 687 families were affected by BD's clearance actions in 232 tenement buildings (i.e. about 3 families were involved in each affected building). Among these families, 438 were rehoused by Housing Department (HD) while 249 voluntarily moved out before demolition of UBWs took place. A breakdown of these figures is shown at **Annex**. In 1999/2000 alone, a total of 160 families were rehoused.

4. Among the 687 families affected by BD's clearance actions, 29% of them couldn't prove their genuine residence in the affected UBWs before HD's freezing survey conducted at time of BD's serving of Statutory Orders, and they subsequently moved out voluntarily. Another 4% were ineligible for rehousing because they had alternative accommodations (some of them were legal occupiers in the affected tenement buildings). Moreover, about 1% were domestic property owners.

Rehousing Commitment

5. HD will arrange sufficient rehousing resources to cope with the demand arising from BD's planned programme to demolish UBWs in 300 buildings in 2000/01. Based on the actual rehousing figures mentioned above,

we project that some 1,050 applications for public housing will need to be handled in 2000/01 as a result of BD's clearance actions.

Housing Department

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**Rehousing of Occupants of Unauthorized Building Works (UBWs)
Affected by Buildings Department's Clearance Actions in Past 6 Years
(from 1994/95 to 1999/2000)**

Financial Year	No. of buildings involved	No. of UBWs involved	No. of affected families		
			Rehoused	Voluntarily moved out	Total
1999/00	165	520	160	182	342
1998/99	10	33	16	12	28
1997/98	12	48	57	12	69
1996/97	21	106	91	19	110
1995/96	9	62	65	14	79
1994/95	15	78	49	10	59
Total	232	847	438	249	687

Note : All rehoused families were living on unauthorized rooftop structures except one living in a rear-lane structure abutting on a tenement building. The family living in this rear-lane structure was rehoused in 1999/2000.