

## **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.

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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.