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The Clerk (Attn.: Ms. Miranda HON)
Public Accounts Committee
Legislative Council
Legislative Council Building
8 Jackson Road
Central, Hong Kong.

BY POST & BY FAX

Dear Ms. HON,

**The Director of Audit's Report
on the results of value money audits (Report No. 38)**

Chapter 5 : Residential services for the elderly

Thank you for your letter of 26 July 2002. As requested, the latest statistics about the letting of Housing for Senior Citizen units as at end November 2002 are attached for Public Accounts Committee's consideration.

Please let me know if I can be of further assistance.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Wendy Cheung'.

(Ms Wendy Cheung)
for Director of Housing

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c.c. Director of Audit
HD 111

Latest Statistics on Letting of Housing for Senior Citizen Units (as at 30 November 2002)

(a) Total number of vacant Housing for Senior Citizen units (including the last batch completed in August 2002)

The total number of vacant Housing for Senior Citizen units including the last 3 projects completed in July and August 2002 in Fu Cheong, Wah Lai and Chung On Estates is 144 units, with a vacancy rate of 1.4%.

To expedite the letting of Housing for Senior Citizen units, Housing Department has pooled 862 such units in all districts for flat selection by eligible Waiting List applicants in the last Express Flat Allocation Scheme just completed in October 2002. Out of the 862 flats pooled, 801 units were selected by the applicants.

(b) Among the last batch of the 439 new Housing for Senior Citizen units, the respective numbers of those that have been allocated to the elderly and non-elderly applicants, and the number that remains vacant

The letting position of the last batch of the 439 new Housing for Senior Citizen units is as follows -

District		Estate	Number of New Units	Number of Units let to elderly	Number of Units let to non-elderly	Number of Units yet to be Let		
						Number of Units Under Offer		Number of Vacant Units
						To elderly applicants	To non-elderly applicants	
Urban	Cheung Sha Wan	Fu Cheong	131	61	2	66	0	2
Extended Urban	Tsuen Wan	Wah Lai	152	11	15	42	83	1
	Ma On Shan	Chung On	156	5	5	1	143	2*
Total			439	77	22	109	226	5

Note : * 2 flats are withheld from letting due to improvement works being carried out.