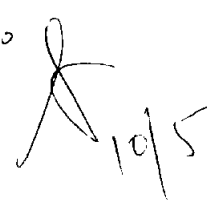


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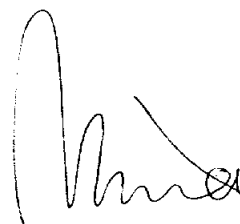
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Views on the problem of homelessness in Hong Kong

I refer to the attached letter from Ms Sophie Archibald regarding the problem of homelessness in Hong Kong.

2. In brief, Ms Archibald has expressed grave concern about the housing need of the homeless, and has suggested that the Government should provide more accommodation and assistance to homeless people.

3. Upon the instruction of Hon Frederick FUNG Kin-kee, I forward Ms Archibald's letter to members of the Panel on Welfare Services for consideration. At the Hon Member's instruction, Ms Archibald's letter has also been referred to members of the Panel on Housing.



(Ms Mina CHAN)
Council Secretary (Complaints)4

Encl.

Members of Legco,

I want to bring to your attention a matter that I believe is very serious for the citizens of Hong Kong – Homelessness.

Homelessness is a major social concern and can cause problems to health and safety. I walk along the streets of Hong Kong and I see that there are too many homeless people.

I believe that the government should donate or organise a fundraiser and donate the proceeds to building an institute for the homeless. I would also like you to consider providing more government housing for either a low rent or no rent at all, enabling the homeless to have a place to live and call home.

Please find the enclosed surveys that I have asked school mates to honestly fill out. Please consider our opinions.

Thank you

Sophie Archibald

Survey

Question

Answer

Do you think homelessness is an issue in Hong Kong?	No
Do you think we should do something about it?	yes
Do you feel sorry for people who are homeless?	yes
Do you think a lot of people are homeless in Hong Kong?	No
When you walk along a street and see a homeless person begging, what do you think?	I feel sorry 4 them
Do you think that some taxes should go to building an institute for homeless people?	definetly
How would you like to be homeless?	I wouldn't
Do you think people deserve to be homeless	Never, unless the gambled their house away!

Survey

Question

Answer

Do you think homelessness is an issue in Hong Kong?	yes
Do you think we should do something about it?	yes
Do you feel sorry for people who are homeless?	yes
Do you think a lot of people are homeless in Hong Kong?	Kind of
When you walk along a street and see a homeless person begging, what do you think?	Sad
Do you think that some taxes should go to building an institute for homeless people?	yes
How would you like to be homeless?	no!
Do you think people deserve to be homeless	no

Survey

Question

Answer

Do you think homelessness is an issue in Hong Kong?	yes
Do you think we should do something about it?	most definatly
Do you feel sorry for people who are homeless?	of course
Do you think a lot of people are homeless in Hong Kong?	not sure
When you walk along a street and see a homeless person begging, what do you think?	it's unfair that they are homeless and I'm not
Do you think that some taxes should go to building an institute for homeless people?	definately
How would you like to be homeless?	I would not like it one bit
Do you think people deserve to be homeless	no

Survey

Question

Answer

Do you think homelessness is an issue in Hong Kong?	Yes
Do you think we should do something about it?	Definitely
Do you feel sorry for people who are homeless?	Yes
Do you think a lot of people are homeless in Hong Kong?	I really am not sure of numbers.
When you walk along a street and see a homeless person begging, what do you think?	They are having a hard time & need help
Do you think that some taxes should go to building an institute for homeless people?	Yes
How would you like to be homeless?	I would be very sad
Do you think people deserve to be homeless	No.