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The Hon Li,

Enquiry on the Review of Waiting List (WL) Income and Asset Limits

I refer to your letter to the Chairman of the Panel on Housing of the Legislative Council dated 28 February 2011, requesting for data from the Administration regarding the review of WL Income and Asset Limits. The letter was referred to the Transport and Housing Bureau for follow up. Our reply is as follows -

According to the General Household Survey (GHS) of the Census and Statistics Department (C&SD), there were 403 300 non-owner occupied households in the private sector at the fourth quarter of 2010. Please refer to the following table for their distribution.

| | Number of non-owner occupied households in the private sector | Non-owner occupied households in the private sector with income equal to or lower than the WL income limits for 2010/11 (as a percentage of the number of non-owner occupied households in the respective group) | Non-owner occupied households in the private sector with income equal to or lower than the WL income limits for 2011/12 (as a percentage of the number of non-owner occupied households in the respective group) |
|-------------------|--|---|---|
| 1-person | 98 100 (24%) | 34 500 (35%) | 43 400 (44%) |
| 2-person | 122 800 (30%) | 30 800 (25%) | 36 300 (30%) |
| 3-person | 91 100 (23%) | 19 200 (21%) | 25 400 (28%) |
| 4-person | 68 500 (17%) | 14 900 (22%) | 18 500 (27%) |
| 5-person | 17 600 (4%) | 4 800 (27%) | 5 700 (32%) |
| 6-person or above | 5 200 (1%) | 1 500 (29%) | 1 800 (35%) |
| Overall | 403 300 (100%) | 105 700 (26%) | 131 100 (33%) |

*Figures may not add up to the total due to rounding.

The figures above have not taken into account estimation on assets and some of the eligible non-owner occupied households in the private sector might already be registered on the WL for public rental housing (PRH). As Mandatory Provident Fund (MPF) contribution has not been deducted from the income data of the GHS of C&SD, household income is matched with the WL income limits inclusive of MPF contribution in the estimation above. We would also like to emphasize that the above figures are only a rough indication of the situation in the fourth quarter of 2010. The number of non-owner occupied households in the private sector changes from time to time and so does the percentage eligible for PRH.

As at the fourth quarter of 2010, the overall median monthly household income of non-owner occupied households in the private sector was \$23,000. Breaking down by household size, the median monthly household income of non-owner occupied households in the private sector for 1-person, 2-person, 3-person and 4-person households were \$11,000, \$24,000, \$26,000 and \$32,000 respectively.

Yours sincerely,

Original Signed

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