

<i>Press May 11, 1996</i>	
Headline :	<i>1996/97 Rental Housing Allocation Endorsed</i>
Content :	<p>The following is issued on behalf of the Housing Authority :</p> <p>The Housing Authority Management and Operations Committee (MOC) today (Saturday) endorsed the allocation of 38,650 rental flats for 1996/97 to meet demands from different categories.</p> <p>The MOC Chairman, Mr Chan Kam-man, said that 7,700 flats would be required to fulfil the pledge to clear three-quarters of temporary housing areas (THAs) by the end of 1996/97 and to make direct offers to eligible residents of another 13 THAs within the same period. 鑾</p> <p>Another 800 flats have been set aside for trawling of residents from remaining THAs to make room for clearerees who are not immediately eligible for rental housing, he said.</p> <p>In addition, 2,900 flats will be reserved to meet demand from clearance of squatter and cottage areas.</p> <p>About 11,900 flats will be required for the 11 estates involved in the Comprehensive Redevelopment Programme while another 100 flats are for rehousing of families in estates affected by major repairs.</p> <p>Meanwhile, members agreed that 9,000 flats would be given to waiting list applicants in 1996/97, noting the low production of new flats in 1996/97 and the commitment to clear all THAs built before 1984 by the end of this year.</p> <p>But, as a general practice, flats not taken up by other categories will continue to be allocated to waiting list applicants, Mr Chan said.</p> <p>He stressed that the situation was only temporary. The shortfall in the waiting list quota will be made up when flat supply improves and the demand from committed categories is largely met from 1998/99 onwards. 孃</p> <p>The compassionate transfer and emergency rehousing categories would be allocated 2,000, 3,000 and 300 flats respectively.</p> <p>As for the junior civil servants and pensioners, they will continue to be allocated 750 flats, while Estate Assistants can take up 200 flats by redemption of their Letters of Assurance.</p> <p>But MOC agreed to adjust the quotas for junior civil servants and pensioners for 1997/98 by increasing the rental housing quota from 750 to 1,000. End Saturday, May 11, 1996</p>