

## Press in July 1996

<i>Press July 11, 1996</i>	
<b>Headline :</b>	<b><i>Extension of Anticipatory Housing Scheme Priority Period</i></b>
<b>Content :</b>	<p>The following is issued on behalf of the Housing Authority:</p> <p>The Housing Authority's Management and Operations Committee today (Thursday) endorsed the extension of the priority period of the Anticipatory Housing Scheme from six to 12 months.</p> <p>"The main objective of the Scheme is to help Waiting List applicants who are subject to involuntary rehousing to avoid the trouble of having to move twice within a short period of time," the Committee Chairman, Mr Chan Kam-man, said.</p> <p>"Eligible households will be offered advance rehousing up to a maximum of 12 months under the revised Scheme," he added.</p> <p>"This arrangement will also apply to domestic tenants affected by urban renewal."</p> <p>"However, the Authority is not taking over private developers' responsibility in offering assistance to clearers of private redevelopment but only assists in advancing the allocation of flats to those who are already on the Waiting List and who are qualified for public rental housing," Mr Chan explained.</p> <p>He stressed that the offer of public rental housing to these clearers should not be misconstrued as part of any compensation package.</p> <p>Since introduction of the Scheme in 1981, about 1,000 households have benefited. About 60% of them were clearers of squatters and temporary housing areas, 17% were families affected by private redevelopment and the rest were tenants affected by the Authority's comprehensive redevelopment or victims of fire and natural disasters.</p> <p>"The average waiting time for other applicants on the Waiting List will remain unchanged as the beneficiaries of the Scheme are on the same queue," he stressed.</p> <p>END/Thursday, July 11, 1996</p>

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