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<i>Press January 18, 1996</i>	
Headline :	<i>Progress of Various Maintenance and Repair Programme (Issued on behalf of the Housing Authority)</i>
Content :	<p>Members of the Housing Authority's Building Committee were briefed today (Thursday) on the progress of some of the major maintenance and improvement programme. A Housing spokesman said that the Department's comprehensive planned maintenance system CARE (Condition, Appraisal-Repair Examination) had been fully operational for three and a half years. It included a wide range of maintenance and improvement works "So far a total of 83 estates have entered the CARE cycle, of which 13 estates have completed the Repair Stage, 46 estates are in the Repair Stage while the remaining 24 estates are under the initial preparation stage of Condition and Appraisal," he said On the vacant flat refurbishment programme, members noted that since the commencement of the programme in June 1992, over 50,000 vacant flats had been refurbished and about 46,000 were relet on completion of the works. "About 90 per cent of the flats were refurbished within three months," the spokesman said. On the special repair programme for older housing blocks, members noted that in 1995 over 81,000 flats in older estates had been successfully surveyed and some 53,000 of them required repair works of different scale. Repair works for over 16,000 flats Turning to the electrical rewiring and reinforcement programme, members were told that 94 blocks were being reinforced in 1995 at a total cost of \$120 million. Parallel with these reinforcement projects, 44 blocks in 11 estates were being rewired at a Concerning the fire services dry riser conversion programme, members noted that of the 148 blocks included in the programme, work on 76 blocks had been completed while site work in the remaining 72 blocks was in good progress. Members were also briefed on the progress of security installation in rental estates. They noted that the first phase of the security improvement programme which covered 324 blocks in 38 estates was being implemented in two stages. "Stage One installation which covers 155 blocks in 19 estates has been completed in November 1995. The work for the remaining 169 blocks is now in full swing and is scheduled for completion in March 1996," the spokesman said. The Department was currently reviewing the system design of the security installation in light of the operational experience gained in the first phase of the programme as well as feedback from the tenants and the housing managers, he added. Members were briefed on the new computerized Maintenance Information System and Infra-structure Support (MISIS) for processing minor day-to-day maintenance requests. Members were also informed that the mosaic tiling survey and repair programme, the shopping centres improvement programme, the structural appraisal and strengthening programme, estate office improvement programme, and energy management programme were al END</p> <p>Thursday, January 18, 1996</p>

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