

**Address by the Governor,
Sir Edward Youde, GCMG, MBE,
at the opening of the 1985/86
Session of the Legislative
Council on 30 October 1985
(extract on Housing)**

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56. This year will see record public housing production of over 48,000 flats, with the Housing Authority exceeding its annual production target for the sixth successive year. The Authority continues steadily to improve the quality of its new housing as well as upgrading and redeveloping existing stock. As anticipated last year, private sector production has increased and is forecast to reach about 30,000 flats this calendar year, rising to about 33,000 units in 1986. About 18,000 flats are scheduled for completion next year under the

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Home Ownership and Private Sector Participation Schemes. This is yet another record.

57. Meanwhile, the restructured squatter clearance programme, which I mentioned last year, has started; and the rural housing programme continues to make steady progress, with a project at Tui Min Hoi in Sai Kung due to be completed later this year, and projects at Mui Wo on Lantau and at Sha Tau Kok scheduled to start next year.

58. Honourable Members will be aware that the public is being consulted on the level of housing subsidy to public housing tenants. The Housing Authority will examine carefully all public comments on the suggestions set out in its Green Paper, together with alternative ideas which come forward, before deciding whether any recommendations should be made to the Executive Council.

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