

Hong Kong: Transition

Address by the Governor

The Right Honourable Christopher Patten

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of the Legislative Council

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14. If you concerned about housing, there are now more flats available and far fewer temporary housing areas.

- Our aim was to build over 100 new flats every day. We are doing so.

- We are meeting all our targets on temporary housing areas. In 1992, over 65 600 people lived in temporary housing. By the end of this year, we will have cut the number by some 48 000 despite new arrivals in Hong Kong from China at a rate of 150 per day. We will have cut the number of temporary housing areas from 55 to 19. Over the next few years, we will provide better interim housing for those who need it.

- And we introduced the Sandwich Class Housing Scheme with the target of providing new homes for 30 000 families between the period 1995 and 2003.