



- (c) to carry out clearances for development, safety or environmental improvement purposes. We have recently completed the clearance for the construction of Kowloon Canton Railway Sheung Shui to Lok Ma Chau Spur Line. The Deep Bay Link clearance is still in progress. In addition, the Housing Department will also carry out other clearances to be announced in 2003-04. If all on-going and planned clearances proceed on schedule, we expect that some 14 000 structures will be covered, and 7 100 persons will need to be rehoused; and
- (d) to rehouse occupants of illegal rooftop structures affected by the Buildings Department's enforcement actions. We estimate that about 3 200 illegal rooftop structures will be covered in 2003, and about 2 300 persons will need to be rehoused by the Housing Department.

In addition to the above, the Housing Department will also provide temporary shelters and rehouse families affected by natural disasters as they occur.

81% of the total provision under Head 62 is for personal emoluments and the remaining 19% for administrative overheads and operating expenses. There is no separate breakdown for individual clearance projects. Through efficiency savings initiatives and the Second Voluntary Retirement Scheme, we will continue to streamline our operations and reduce the manpower requirements so as to enhance cost-effectiveness.

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