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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

S-THB(H)01

Question Serial No.

SV055

Head: 62 Housing Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (5) Support Services

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Transport and Housing (Housing)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Transport and Housing

Question:

Pursuant to reply no.TH(B)041, the Administration is requested to provide information on the locations and expected completion dates of the 17 000 Home Ownership Scheme units to be completed between 2013-14 and 2016-17.

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Che-cheung

Reply:

The Government has set a planning target to provide about 17 000 new Home Ownership Scheme (HOS) flats over four years from 2016-17 onwards. The first batch of about 2 100 HOS flats to be completed in 2016-17 are located in Sha Tin, Tsuen Wan, Kwai Tsing and Yuen Long respectively. Their locations are as follows:

- Mei Mun Lane, Sha Tin Area 4C
- Pik Tin Street, Sha Tin Area 4D
- Sha Tsui Road, Tsuen Wan
- Ching Hong Road, Tsing Yi
- Wang Yip Street West, Yuen Long

Name in block letters: D.W. PESCOD

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Transport
and Housing (Housing)

Date: 18.4.2013

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

S-THB(H)02

Question Serial No.

SV054

Head: 62 Housing Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme:

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Transport and Housing (Housing)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Transport and Housing

Question:

Pursuant to the discussion on the redevelopment of public housing, the Administration is requested to provide information, in interval of ten years, on the number of newly constructed and redeveloped public housing units.

Asked by: Hon. LO Wai-kwok

Reply:

In the past ten years (i.e. 2002-03 to 2011-12), the total number of public housing units newly constructed by the Hong Kong Housing Authority (HA) and the Hong Kong Housing Society (HKHS) is 165 046 while the total number of public housing units covered by redevelopment programmes is 28 874. Detailed breakdown is as follows:

Table 1: Total number of newly constructed public housing units in the past ten years

	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Public rental housing units under the HA ¹	20 390	15 148	24 682	17 153	7 192	13 726	19 050	15 389	13 672	11 186
Home Ownership Scheme units under the HA ²	0	320	0	0	1 200	1 386	1 624	370	1 110	0
Rental housing units under the HKHS ³	243	333	0	0	0	872	0	0	0	0
Subsidised housing for sale units under the HKHS ³	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Interim housing units under the HA ⁴	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Transit centre under the HA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Table 2: Total number of public housing units covered by redevelopment programmes in the past ten years

	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Public rental housing units under the HA	6 464	5 169	492	0	2 174	5 481	2 814	5 405	0	0
Rental housing units under the HKHS ³	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Subsidised housing for sale units under the HKHS ³	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Interim housing units under the HA	0	0	0	0	51	0	0	0	824	0
Transit centres under the HA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

- Note 1. The HA's public rental housing (PRH) production figures include projects converted from Surplus Home Ownership Scheme (HOS) to PRH, and for these PRH flats, the year of intake is taken as their production year. For those PRH flats converted to subsidised sale flats under the Buy or Rent Option Scheme / Mortgage Subsidy Scheme, they are counted as HOS production (please refer to Note 2).
2. HOS flats include Private Sector Participation Scheme, and Buy or Rent Option Scheme / Mortgage Subsidy Scheme. For Surplus HOS flats completed between 2002 and 2004 with no set usage, the year in which they were put up for sale for the first time is taken as their production year.
3. Figures are in the past ten calendar years (i.e. 2003 to 2012).
4. No new interim housing was built by the HA after 2001.

Name in block letters: D.W. PESCOD

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Transport and Housing (Housing)

Date: 18.4.2013

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

S-THB(H)03

Question Serial No.

SV053

Head: 62 Housing Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (5) Support Services

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Transport and Housing (Housing)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Transport and Housing

Question:

Pursuant to part 4 of the reply no.TH(B)059, the Administration is requested to provide information on the locations of the 17 000 Home Ownership Scheme units which are planned to be completed over the four years from 2016-17.

Asked by: Hon. SIN Chung-kai

Reply:

The first batch of about 2 100 Home Ownership Scheme (HOS) flats to be completed in 2016-17 are located in Sha Tin, Tsuen Wan, Kwai Tsing and Yuen Long respectively. Their locations are as follows:

- Mei Mun Lane, Sha Tin Area 4C
- Pik Tin Street, Sha Tin Area 4D
- Sha Tsui Road, Tsuen Wan
- Ching Hong Road, Tsing Yi
- Wang Yip Street West, Yuen Long

The other HOS projects to be completed beyond 2016-17 are located in the urban area, the extended urban area and the New Territories, which include Kai Tak Site 1G1(B) and four of the former My Home Purchase Plan sites which are located in Choi Hung, Diamond Hill, Ma On Shan and Tai Po districts. As most of them are at an early planning and design stage, the relevant information will be announced in due course.

Name in block letters: D.W. PESCOD

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Transport
and Housing (Housing)

Date: 18.4.2013

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

S-THB(H)04

Question Serial No.

S147

Head: 62 Housing Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (1) Building Control

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Transport and Housing (Housing)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Transport and Housing

Question:

This is a follow-up question to Question Serial No. 0434 (Reply Serial No. THB(H)012). There were 4 550 vacant public rental housing (PRH) flats under the Housing Authority (HA) as at the end of December 2012. In general, the flats will be reserved for specific purposes or rented out after a number of allocations except for some unpopular ones. In this connection, how many PRH flats under the HA are vacant as of now? How many of these vacant flats have never been allocated before? What are the reasons for not allocating these flats? How many of these flats have constantly been rejected by applicants despite repeated allocation? What are the reasons for the rejections? Please provide a detailed breakdown as per Table One below. Moreover, how many vacant PRH flats were eventually accepted over the past three years? Please provide a detailed breakdown as per Table Two below.

Table One: Allocation history of the existing vacant PRH flats

Allocation history	Number of flats
Not allocated before	
Allocated for once or twice	
Allocated for three times	
Allocated for four times	
Allocated for five times	
Allocated for six times	
Allocated for seven times	
Allocated for eight times	
Allocated for nine times	
Allocated for ten times	
Allocated for 11-20 times	
Allocated for 21-30 times	
Allocated for 31-40 times	
Allocated for 41-50 times	
Allocated for more than 51 times	

Table Two: Allocation history of the vacant flats which were accepted over the past three years

Allocation history before acceptance	Number of flats
Allocated for once or twice	
Allocated for three times	
Allocated for four times	
Allocated for five times	
Allocated for six times	
Allocated for seven times	
Allocated for eight times	
Allocated for nine times	
Allocated for ten times	
Allocated for 11-20 times	
Allocated for 21-30 times	
Allocated for 31-40 times	
Allocated for 41-50 times	
Allocated for more than 51 times	

Asked by: Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply:

Allocation and recovery of public rental housing (PRH) units are being carried out every day. Therefore, the number of vacant units is changing constantly. As at the end of March 2013, 4 137 PRH flats under the Hong Kong Housing Authority (HA) were available for allocation. Among them, 2 418 flats were not allocated before, the majority of which were newly completed flats, flats recently recovered but yet to be allocated and flats reserved for specific purposes. These flats will be allocated as appropriate as soon as possible. Apart from these flats, 1 719 flats had been allocated before but rejected by applicants. The main reasons for rejection despite repeated allocations include undesirable district/ location/ floor level; involvement in unpleasant incidents; and located in older estates. Relevant figures are set out in the table below -

Allocation history of PRH flats available for allocation (as at end March 2013)

Allocation history	Number of flats
Not allocated before	2 418
Allocated for once or twice	1 001
Allocated for three times	197
Allocated for four times	125
Allocated for five times	105
Allocated for six times	62
Allocated for seven times	38
Allocated for eight times	44

Allocation history	Number of flats
Allocated for nine times	27
Allocated for ten times	21
Allocated for 11-20 times	75
Allocated for 21-30 times	13
Allocated for 31-40 times	7
Allocated for 41-50 times	3
Allocated for more than 51 times	1
Total	4 137

The number of PRH flats accepted by applicants over the past three years were 27 563, 30 294 and 27 749 in 2010, 2011, and 2012 respectively. The HA does not maintain statistics on how many times these flats had been allocated before acceptance.

Name in block letters: D.W. PESCOD

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Transport
and Housing (Housing)

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

S-THB(H)05

Question Serial No.

SV052

Head: 62 Housing Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme:

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Transport and Housing (Housing)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Transport and Housing

Question:

Pursuant to the reply no.THB(H)008, the Administration is requested to provide information on the variation of average space entitlement of tenant in different types of public housing units over the past ten years. (Please use the table format as in THB(H)008.)

Asked by: Hon. TSE Wai-chuen, Tony

Reply:

The allocation standard of the Hong Kong Housing Authority (HA) is not less than 7 m² internal floor area per person as far as resources permit. Over the past ten years, the actual average internal floor area per person of all public rental housing (PRH) tenants (which include PRH tenants in Tenants Purchase Scheme (TPS) estates) are as follows. The HA does not have the statistical information of the average floor area per person for other types of public housing units.

Average internal floor area per person (m ²) \ Year	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
PRH tenants under the HA (including PRH tenants in TPS estates)	11.3	11.5	11.7	12.0	12.2	12.4	12.5	12.6	12.8	12.9
Residents of Home Ownership Scheme units under the HA	No Statistics									
Tenants of rental housing units under the Hong Kong Housing Society (HKHS)	As far as the HKHS is concerned, over the past ten years, the allocation standard for its rental housing units has been kept at not less than 7m ² per person.									
Residents of subsidised housing units for sale under the HKHS	No Statistics									
Tenants of interim housing units under the HA	No Statistics									
Tenants of bed spaces in Transit Centres under the HA	No Statistics									

Name in block letters: D.W. PESCOD

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Transport
and Housing (Housing)

Date: 18.4.2013

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

S-THB(H)06

Question Serial No.

S115

Head: 62 Housing Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (5) Support Services

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Transport and Housing (Housing)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Transport and Housing

Question:

This is a follow-up question to Reply Serial No. THB(H)056:

For the public rental housing blocks surveyed over the past 3 years, has the Housing Department assessed their remaining safe service life and formulated any repair and maintenance programmes? If yes, please set out in detail the names of the public housing estates and buildings concerned, their construction years and service life, their current building conditions as well as the repair and maintenance programmes formulated.

Asked by: Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply:

As mentioned in the reply to THB(H)056, the Independent Checking Unit of Housing Department has implemented the Planned Survey Programme on the residential buildings of Home Ownership Scheme courts and Tenants Purchase Scheme estates since 2004. These surveys aim to inspect and identify unauthorized and dangerous building works, as well as the overall condition of the common areas, external walls and drainage pipes of the buildings.

Separately, to examine the structural conditions of the aged public rental housing (PRH) estates, the Hong Kong Housing Authority (HA) would carry out the Comprehensive Structural Investigation (CSI) Programme for the relevant estates. In the past three years (i.e. 2010-11 to 2012-13), the HA has completed the CSI for eight PRH estates. Details are as follows:

Estate	No. of Buildings	Completion Date	Building Age
Lai King Estate	7	1975	38
Lei Muk Shue (II) Estate	11	1975	38
Pak Tin Estate	20	1975	38
Lai Yiu Estate	5	1976	37
Hing Wah (II) Estate	7	1976	37
Cheung Ching Estate	8	1977	36
Nam Shan Estate	8	1977	36
Yue Wan Estate	4	1977	36

The CSI revealed that all the buildings are structurally safe. Apart from Pak Tin Estate which will be redeveloped under the Refined Policy on Redevelopment of Aged Public Rental Housing Estates, we have formulated the structural repair and improvement works for the other estates. The relevant repair and

improvement works are carried out successively. After completion of these works, the buildings can be sustained for at least 15 years.

Name in block letters: D.W. PESCOD

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Transport
and Housing (Housing)

Date: 18.4.2013

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

S-THB(H)07

Question Serial No.

S116

Head: 62 Housing Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (5) Support Services

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Transport and Housing (Housing)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Transport and Housing

Question:

This is a follow-up question to Reply Serial No. THB(H)056:

According to the Administration's indicators, how dilapidated a public rental housing block has to be for it to be planned for redevelopment? Please set out the assessment criteria in detail.

Asked by: Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply:

When considering the clearance and redevelopment of aged public rental housing (PRH) estates, the Hong Kong Housing Authority (HA) will follow the existing "Refined Policy on Redevelopment of Aged Public Rental Housing Estates". It will refer to the findings of the Comprehensive Structural Investigation Programme on structural safety and cost effectiveness in repair works, and will also examine the redevelopment potential and availability of suitable rehousing resources. By reviewing the specific site characteristics and developable area in the vicinity of individual estates, the HA will conduct a series of detailed studies including various technical and environmental impact assessments, local master planning, urban design and development intensity, etc. The HA will also liaise with relevant bureaux and government departments on issues relating to the community, social welfare, transport and educational facilities, etc in the districts concerned. Only after the completion of these assessments can the HA eventually confirm the feasibility of redeveloping an estate to draw up suitable implementation programmes accordingly.

Name in block letters: D.W. PESCOD

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Transport
and Housing (Housing)

Date: 18.4.2013

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

S-THB(H)08

Question Serial No.

S117

Head: 62 Housing Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (5) Support Services

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Transport and Housing (Housing)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Transport and Housing

Question:

This is a follow-up question to Reply Serial No. THB(H)056:

Does the Administration anticipate that it will have any plan to redevelop Wah Fu Estate by phases in the coming five years to improve the living environment of the residents?

Asked by: Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply:

Wah Fu Estate was included in the Comprehensive Structural Investigation Programme (CSIP) in 2005, and based on its structural condition at the time, it was identified as one of the estates to be retained. The Hong Kong Housing Authority (HA) is carrying out estate improvement and maintenance works for that estate.

When considering the clearance and redevelopment of aged public rental housing (PRH) estates, the HA will follow the existing "Refined Policy on Redevelopment of Aged Public Rental Housing Estates". It will refer to the findings of the CSIP on structural safety and cost effectiveness in repair works, and will also examine the redevelopment potential and availability of suitable rehousing resources. By reviewing the specific site characteristics and developable area in the vicinity of individual estates, the HA will conduct a series of detailed studies including various technical and environmental impact assessments, local master planning, urban design and development intensity, etc. The HA will also liaise with relevant bureaux and government departments on issues relating to the community, social welfare, transport and educational facilities, etc in the districts concerned. Only after the completion of these assessments can the HA eventually confirm the feasibility of redeveloping an estate to draw up suitable implementation programmes accordingly.

At present, there is no plan to redevelop Wah Fu Estate.

Name in block letters: D.W. PESCOD

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Transport
and Housing (Housing)

Date: 18.4.2013

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

S-THB(H)09

Question Serial No.

S118

Head: 62 Housing Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (5) Support Services

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Transport and Housing (Housing)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Transport and Housing

Question:

This is a follow-up question on the Reply Serial No. THB(H)029.

Based on the Administration's estimated production of public rental housing (PRH) flats in the coming 5 years, only 200 flats will be provided in the Hong Kong Island District, which simply cannot meet the housing needs of the grassroots in the District. Is there currently any proposal to increase the sites for building PRH flats in the Hong Kong Island District? In the past 3 years, did the Administration present any proposal on the provision of sites for building PRH flats to the district councils on the Hong Kong Island? If yes, what were the supporting or opposing views for building the PRH? Please provide the estimated number of the PRH flats involved and the estimated time of supply of the flats for each proposal.

Asked by: Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply:

In the "Land Use Review of the Western Part of Kennedy Town" Study, the site comprising the Hong Kong Academy School Premises and Ex-Kennedy Town Police Married Quarters at Ka Wai Man Road, and Ex-Mount Davis Cottage Area is proposed for public housing development. Planning Department together with relevant departments will soon consult the Central & Western District Council on this land use review. Meanwhile, the Hong Kong Housing Authority (HA) is assessing the technical feasibility (including the development programme and flat production) of developing this site for public housing use. The District Council and locals will be consulted when appropriate.

In the past three years, the HA consulted the Eastern District Council (EDC) on the public rental housing (PRH) development project at Lin Shing Road and Conversion of Chai Wan Factory Estate into PRH in June 2011 and December 2012 respectively. Both projects received the support from the EDC. The Chai Wan Factory Estate Conversion project is anticipated to be completed by 2015-16 producing about 200 PRH flats while the Lin Sing Road PRH development project is anticipated to be completed in 2017-18 producing about 260 PRH flats.

The HA will continue to liaise closely with the Development Bureau and relevant government departments to identify suitable sites for public housing development in different parts of the territory, including the Hong Kong Island districts. Besides, through relaxation of plot ratio and building height restrictions, we endeavour to increase flat production by optimizing the development potential of each public housing site without comprising the environmental quality. To meet the public's demand for public housing, we will consider every single site, regardless of its size or location for public housing development in accordance with the principles of optimization of land use, maximization of cost-effectiveness and sustainable development.

Name in block letters: D.W. PESCOD

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Transport
and Housing (Housing)

Date: 18.4.2013

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

S-THB(H)10

Question Serial No.

S119

Head: 62 Housing Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (5) Support Services

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Transport and Housing (Housing)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Transport and Housing

Question:

This is a follow-up question on the Reply Serial No. THB(H)029.

Does the Administration have any plans to consult each District Council again in the coming year on increasing the production of public rental housing? If yes, please provide the details.

Asked by: Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply:

The Hong Kong Housing Authority (HA) will continue to closely liaise with the Development Bureau and relevant government departments to identify suitable sites for public housing development in different areas, and to review the redevelopment potential of its aged public rental housing estates. In the coming year, the HA would consult the concerned District Councils according to the respective timetable for individual public housing projects in light of progress on their planning and design.

Name in block letters: D.W. PESCOD

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Transport
and Housing (Housing)

Date: 18.4.2013

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

S-THB(H)11

Question Serial No.

S120

Head: 62 Housing Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (5) Support Services

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Transport and Housing (Housing)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Transport and Housing

Question:

This is a follow-up question to Reply Serial No. THB(H)029:

According to the reply of the Administration, there will be a supply of 3 000 and 8 100 new public rental housing flats in Sha Tin District in 2014-15 and 2015-16 respectively, bringing an increase in population of Sha Tin District by tens of thousands. How are these numbers of flats distributed across Sha Tin District? Please provide the details.

Asked by: Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply:

The new public rental housing projects to be completed in Sha Tin District in 2014-15 and 2015-16 are Sha Tin Area 52 (Shui Chuen O) Phases 1 to 4, with a total production of about 11 000 flats with an estimated population of about 30 000.

Name in block letters: D.W. PESCOD

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Transport
and Housing (Housing)

Date: 18.4.2013

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

S-THB(H)12

Question Serial No.

S121

Head: 62 Housing Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (5) Support Services

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Transport and Housing (Housing)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Transport and Housing

Question:

This is a follow-up question to Reply Serial No. THB(H)029:

In view of the anticipated population increase by tens of thousands in Sha Tin in 2014-15 and 2015-16, has the Administration discussed with relevant government departments the impact of the population increase on traffic, medical services and community facilities in the district? If so, can a summary of the relevant studies and reviews in respect of the above three aspects be provided?

Asked by: Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply:

The new public rental housing (PRH) projects to be completed in Sha Tin District in 2014-15 and 2015-16 are Sha Tin Area 52 (Shui Chuen O) Phases 1 to 4, with a total production of about 11 000 flats with an estimated population of about 30 000. At its early planning stage, the Hong Kong Housing Authority (HA) formulated the relevant planning parameters and support facilities for this project with reference to the Hong Kong Planning Standards and Guidelines and in consultation with relevant departments and organizations (such as the Transport Department, the Social Welfare Department, the Food and Health Bureau, the District Councils, etc). The HA had also conducted various technical assessments, such as Traffic Impact Assessment, Environmental Assessment, Air Ventilation Assessment, Visual Impact Assessment, etc, to ensure that the relevant PRH development would meet the community needs of Sha Tin District.

Name in block letters: D.W. PESCOD

Post Title: Permanent Secretary for Transport
and Housing (Housing)

Date: 18.4.2013

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

S-THB(H)13

Question Serial No.

SV056

Head: 711 Capital Works Reserve Fund : Subhead (No. & title): B566CL – Development at
Housing Anderson Road

Programme:

Controlling Officer: Director of Civil Engineering and Development

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Transport and Housing

Question:

The Administration is requested to provide information regarding the traffic impact assessment and the planning of road and traffic network associated with the developments in Anderson Road.

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Yuen-han

Reply:

A traffic impact assessment study for the proposed public housing development at Anderson Road was conducted in 2007. The study covered areas in East Kowloon including Kwun Tong as well as part of Kowloon City and Wong Tai Sin districts. The study concluded that apart from five road junctions in the vicinity of the development site requiring improvement works, all other road junctions within the study area would operate satisfactorily to cope with the increase in traffic.

The five road junctions are listed below:

- New Clear Water Bay Road / Anderson Road
- New Clear Water Bay Road / Lee On Road
- Sau Mau Ping Road / Sau Ming Road
- Hip Wo Street / Hong Ling Road
- Po Lam Road / Anderson Road

The improvement works to the above road junctions have been included in the ongoing site formation contract at Anderson Road and are scheduled for completion in end 2014 before the planned first population intake of the new public housing development in 2015.

Name in block letters: CK HON

Post Title: Director of Civil Engineering and
Development

Date: 16.4.2013