THE HOUSING AUTHORITY

By virtue of the Housing Ordinance, Chapter 283, the Hong Kong Housing Authority was established on 1 April 1973. The powers and duties of the Authority are found in the Ordinance and, in particular, in Section 4 of the Ordinance. Committees have been appointed by the Authority for the better discharge of its functions. The Authority’s main duties may be summarised as follows –

(1) To liaise with other bodies concerned with housing in both the public and private sectors and to advise the Chief Executive on matters relating to housing.

(2) To plan, build and redevelop on its own or jointly with others rental housing estates, subsidised home ownership schemes, interim housing, transit centres, non-residential buildings or premises and such amenities ancillary thereto.

(3) To manage, maintain and improve the Authority’s housing estates and non-residential buildings or premises and such amenities ancillary thereto.

(4) To dispose of flats under the various subsidised home ownership schemes.

(5) To administer rent allowance and housing loan schemes.

(6) To act as Government’s agent -
   (a) to clear land;
   (b) to prevent and control squatting; and
   (c) to plan and co-ordinate improvements to squatter areas.

(7) To approve the annual estimates of expenditure and revenue for submission to the Chief Executive.

(8) To approve the Annual Report for submission to the Chief Executive.

(9) To approve annual corporate plan.

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