

BACKGROUND

To drive the quality reform of the construction industry, the Housing Authority (HA) published a consultative document entitled “Quality Housing : Partnering for Change” on 27 January 2000 for public consultation (Paper No. HA 8/2000 refers). At its meeting on 14 April 2000, the HA endorsed the two-phased implementation plan containing 50 Quality Housing Initiatives under 11 pillars to enhance housing quality (Paper No HA 24/2000 refers).

2. Phase One implementation covers 25 recommendations under six pillars, which aim to address immediate public concerns and are vital to customers and building safety.

3. Phase Two implementation covers the other 25 recommendations under five pillars for enhancing sustained improvements in the construction industry and aims at partnering on all fronts. These recommendations are more complex and involve interfacing with more stakeholders. Implementation requires joint effort of various stakeholders of the industry.

4. A multi-disciplinary departmental task force oversees the implementation of the 50 recommendations. A steering committee known as Progress Monitoring Committee chaired by the Deputy Director of Housing has been established to monitor the progress and review effectiveness of the improvement measures.

5. We have submitted progress reports to inform Members on a quarterly basis, and this report covers the period from 2000/01 to 2001/02. As at end March 2002, a total of 58 papers on Quality Housing Initiatives (QHIs) have been processed.