

The Provisional Construction Industry Co-ordination Board (PCICB)

61. The Department has actively contributed to the work of the CIRC during its review. The CIRC report released in January 2001 has recognized the effort of the Authority's on-going Quality Housing Reform, endorsed and incorporated our reform measures (Paper No. HA 35/2001 BC 82/2001 QH 12/2001 refers). A mapping between the CIRC recommendations and the Authority's Quality Reform measures indicates that the great majority of CIRC recommendations specifying Housing Authority as the implementing party have either been rolled out or are in the pipeline under the Authority's Quality Housing Reform Programme or its Site Safety Strategy Initiatives.

62. The Provisional Construction Industry Co-ordination Board (PCICB) was formed in September 2001 under the chairmanship of the Hon. Henry Tang. Working groups have been formed under the PCICB to facilitate the implementation of CIRC recommendations requiring concerted efforts from the industry, and also to tackle other pan-industry issues. The Department has participation in some of these working groups. Details of the formation of PCICB and its working groups have been reported to the Authority in February 2002 (Paper No. HA 7/2002 BC 34/2002 QH 6/2002 refers).

63. On the Government side, an Industry Review Steering Committee (IRSC) led by Secretary for Works has been formed to keep track of the progress achieved by relevant bureaux and departments in implementing the CIRC recommendations, to assess the associated policy and regulatory implications, as well as to resolve any practical problems encountered in this process. The Department has active involvement in the IRSC.