

1. CORPORATE PROFILE

Housing Authority

- 1.1 The primary role of the Hong Kong Housing Authority (HA) is to provide subsidised public rental housing (PRH) to low income families who cannot afford private rental accommodation. It also operates interim housing and a transit centre to provide temporary accommodation to families facing short-term difficulties in finding suitable accommodation. To address the aspiration of lower to middle-income families for home ownership, the HA has provided Home Ownership Scheme (HOS) flats.
- 1.2 As at September 2014^[1], the HA had a stock of 749 400 PRH / interim housing flats, accommodating 2 022 000 persons, or 28% of Hong Kong's total population.
- 1.3 As at December 2014, the membership of the HA comprised 26 non-official members and four official members. Appointments are made by the Chief Executive. To help forge closer collaboration between the HA and the Government in the provision of public housing services, the Secretary for Transport and Housing and the Director of Housing have respectively assumed the positions of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the HA.
- 1.4 Six standing committees together with a number of sub-committees have been formed under the HA to formulate and oversee policies in specified areas.

Note [1]: Unless otherwise stated, all figures quoted in this Corporate Plan refer to position as at 30 September 2014.

Organization of the Housing Authority



Housing Department

- 1.5 The Housing Department (HD) acts as the executive arm of the HA to implement its policies and those set by its standing committees. The HD is headed by the Permanent Secretary for Transport and Housing (Housing) who also assumes the office of the Director of Housing. He is supported by four Deputy Directors. As at 1 December 2014, the HD had a strength of 8 927 staff, of which 8 233 were civil servants and 694 were contract staff.

Organization of the Housing Department

