

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 low to middle-income families for home ownership, HA also provides subsidised sale flats, primarily Home Ownership Scheme (HOS) flats.
- 1.2 As at September 2015^[1], HA had a stock of 756 000 PRH / interim housing flats, accommodating 2 065 500 persons, or 29% of Hong Kong's total population.
- 1.3 As at December 2015, the membership of HA comprised 27 non-official members and four official members. Appointments are made by the Chief Executive. To help forge closer collaboration between 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 HA.
- 1.4 Six standing committees together with a number of sub-committees have been formed under 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 2015.

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Housing Department

- 1.5 The Housing Department (HD) acts as the executive arm of HA to implement its policies and those set by its standing committees. 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 2015, HD had a strength of 9 074 staff, of which 8 393 were civil servants and 681 were contract staff.

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