



DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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STEREO F.M. ON R.T.H.K.

THE DIRECTOR OF BROADCASTING, MR. JAMES HAWTHORNE, THIS AFTERNOON PRESSED A CEREMONIAL BUTTON TO MARK THE START OF RADIO TELEVISION HONGKONG'S STEREO SERVICES.

THE CEREMONY WAS HELD AT THE HUNG HOM RAILWAY STATION WHERE AN EXHIBITION ON STEREO EQUIPMENT IS BEING HELD.

IN A SPEECH, MR. HAWTHORNE SAID THAT R.T.H.K. HAD OVER THE YEARS BEEN GRADUALLY REPLACING ITS F.M. EQUIPMENT AS IT WORE OUT WITH STEREO CAPABLE EQUIPMENT. HOWEVER, STEREO BROADCASTING WOULD STILL HAVE BEEN SOME TIME AWAY HAD NOT THE RADIO ASSOCIATION COME FORWARD TO PROVIDE THE NECESSARY EQUIPMENT TO CLOSE THE GAP. HE THANKED THE ASSOCIATION FOR ITS GENEROSITY.

MR. HAWTHORNE SAID THE START OF STEREO TODAY WAS ONLY PHASE ONE OF R.T.H.K.'S DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME. PHASE TWO WOULD BE ACHIEVED IN A FEW MONTHS' TIME WHEN TRANSPOSERS ARE INSTALLED TO IMPROVE F.M. RECEPTION. PHASE THREE WAS STILL ON THE DRAWING BOARD AND WHEN THAT IS COMPLETED STEREO RECEPTION WOULD BE PERFECT.

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THE MOSBERT GROUP LIQUIDATION

THE OFFICIAL RECEIVER, MR. P. JACOBS, SAID TODAY THAT HE HAD GATHERED TOGETHER A STRONG TEAM OF ACCOUNTANTS TO ASSIST HIM IN THE LIQUIDATION OF MOSBERT HOLDINGS LIMITED AND OTHER COMPANIES IN THE GROUP.

LAST WEEK, THE OFFICIAL RECEIVER HAD MEETINGS WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM MESSRS PEAT, MARWICK, MITCHELL AND CO. AND MESSRS ARTHUR ANDERSEN AND CO. WITH A VIEW TO DECIDING UPON THE ALLOCATION OF TASKS WITHIN THE LIQUIDATION. MR. JACOBS SAID THAT THERE WERE AREAS IN WHICH THERE MIGHT BE A CONFLICT OF INTEREST AS FAR AS PEAT MARWICK MITCHELL AND CO. WERE CONCERNED. THIS FIRM HAD BEEN ENGAGED BY ONE OF THE CREDITORS IN OTHER CAPACITIES, AND IT WAS FOR THIS REASON THAT IT HAD BEEN AGREED THAT ANOTHER FIRM OF ACCOUNTANTS, ARTHUR ANDERSEN AND CO., SHOULD BE CALLED IN TO ASSIST.

+WE ARE VERY LUCKY TO HAVE THE HELP OF TWO SUCH FIRMS OF INTERNATIONAL STANDING HAVING REGARD TO THE COMPLEXITY OF THIS MATTER AND THE FACT THAT THE ASSETS OF THE GROUP ARE SPREAD THROUGHOUT A NUMBER OF DIFFERENT COUNTRIES,+ MR. JACOBS CONCLUDED.

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MISUNDERSTANDINGS ABOUT CONCILIATION CORRECTED

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THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR. IAN PRICE, TODAY CORRECTED CERTAIN MISUNDERSTANDINGS ABOUT THE TRUE FUNCTIONS OF A CONCILIATOR IN AN INDUSTRIAL DISPUTE.

SPEAKING AT THE MEETING OF THE PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT CLUB, MR. PRICE SAID THE PRESS AND THE PUBLIC SOMETIMES EXPECTED A CONCILIATOR TO WAVE A MAGIC WAND TO ACHIEVE INSTANT AGREEMENT.

OR THEY EXPECTED HIM TO ISSUE ORDERS TO BOTH SIDES AND TO BACK SUCH ORDERS WITH THE WEIGHT OF THE GOVERNMENT'S AUTHORITY AND MACHINERY.

+THAT IS NOT CONCILIATION,+ HE POINTED OUT, ADDING THAT +IT IS COMPULSORY ARBITRATION AND DOES NOT EXIST IN HONG KONG.+

REFERRING TO THE MISUNDERSTANDING ON THE PART OF EMPLOYERS AND THEIR EMPLOYEES, MR. PRICE NOTED THAT EMPLOYERS OFTEN EXPECTED A CONCILIATOR TO TELL THE WORKERS TO ACCEPT THEIR OFFER. ON THE OTHER HAND, WORKERS OFTEN EXPECTED A CONCILIATOR TO SUPPORT THEM AND ORDER THE EMPLOYER TO GIVE WAY.

MR. PRICE SAID : +THE LABOUR RELATIONS SERVICE DOES NOT TAKE SIDES.+

HE POINTED OUT HOWEVER THAT THE LABOUR RELATIONS SERVICE DID DRAW ATTENTION TO CLEAR BREACHES OF THE LAW - SUCH AS A FAILURE BY THE EMPLOYER TO PAY WAGES IN LIEU OF NOTICE, OR A FAILURE TO FOLLOW OTHER PROVISIONS OF THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE.

ON THE TECHNIQUE OF CONCILIATION USED BY THE LABOUR RELATIONS SERVICE, MR. PRICE SAID IT CALLED FOR PERSONAL SKILL, PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE AND PATIENCE IN A CONCILIATOR AS WELL AS PERSONALITY AND PRESTIGE.

THESE ELEMENTS HELPED HIM OBTAIN THE GOODWILL AND TRUST OF BOTH THE EMPLOYER AND EMPLOYEES.

MR. PRICE SAID THAT WHEN A CONCILIATOR INTERVENED, THE FIRST STEP WAS FOR HIM TO FIND OUT WHAT A DISPUTE WAS ALL ABOUT BY TALKING TO BOTH SIDES, PROBABLY SEPARATELY.

THIS STEP OF GETTING THE FACTS WAS OFTEN COMPLICATED IN HONG KONG BECAUSE OF THE IGNORANCE, ON THE PART OF BOTH EMPLOYEES AND EMPLOYERS, OF THE ACTUAL PROVISIONS OF THE LAW.

HE ADDED : +QUITE OFTEN EACH SIDE HOLDS DIFFERENT VIEWS OF WHAT THE TROUBLE IS REALLY ABOUT.+

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THE NEXT TASK FOR THE CONCILIATOR WAS TO MAKE CLEAR TO BOTH PARTIES THE REAL REASONS FOR THE DISPUTE, TO FIND POINTS OF COMMON AGREEMENT, AND THEN TO PERSUADE THE PARTIES TO MEET AND TO TALK SENSIBLY TO EACH OTHER.

THE COMMISSIONER SAID A CONCILIATOR USUALLY COULD ASSIST THE PARTIES TO MEET BY PERSUADING (NOT FORCING OR THREATENING) ONE SIDE OR THE OTHER, OR BOTH, TO GRANT CONCESSIONS.

+PUT IN A NUTSHELL, THE CONCILIATOR DOES NOT HIMSELF ATTEMPT TO SETTLE THE DISPUTE- HE ADVISES AND PERSUADES AN EMPLOYER AND HIS EMPLOYEES TO SETTLE WHAT IS THEIR PRIVATE DISPUTE. IT IS NOT THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S DISPUTE NOR IS IT THE GOVERNMENT'S DISPUTE.+

MR. PRICE SAID THAT THE CONCILIATION TECHNIQUE WORKED REMARKABLY WELL.

+IN 1975 THE LABOUR RELATIONS SERVICE OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT SETTLED 60 PER CENT OF ALL THE DISPUTES WHICH IT HANDLED, AND BY SO DOING HELPED THE CLAIMANTS TO RECEIVE NEARLY \$13 MILLION.+

OF THOSE CLAIMS NOT SETTLED BY THE SERVICE, A FEW WERE REFERRED TO THE DIRECTOR OF LEGAL AID FOR ASSISTANCE WHILE CLAIMANTS OF SOME 35 PER CENT OF CASES WERE REFERRED FOR A DECISION TO THE LABOUR TRIBUNAL, MR. PRICE SAID.

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TENANCY AGREEMENTS FOR TENDER

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THE GOVERNMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR TENANCY AGREEMENTS ON THREE LOTS OF CROWN LAND IN CHA KWO LING ROAD, KOWLOON.

THE THREE LOTS, WITH A COMBINED AREA OF SOME 100,000 SQ. FT., HAVE ALL BEEN EARMARKED AS CARGO HANDLING AREAS.

FORMS OF TENDER, TENDER NOTICES AND CONDITIONS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE, MURRAY BUILDING, 19TH FLOOR, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG AND THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE, KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 405 NATHAN ROAD, 10TH FLOOR, KOWLOON. PLANS CAN ALSO BE INSPECTED THERE.

THE CLOSING DATE FOR ACCEPTING TENDERS IS 12 NOON, MAY 14, 1976.

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WIFE OF DEFENCE SECRETARY TOURS HOSPITAL

THE WIFE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR DEFENCE, MRS MARJORIE MASON NOW IN HONG KONG FOR A FIVE-DAY VISIT WITH HER HUSBAND, THIS AFTERNOON TOURED THE DUCHESS OF KENT CHILDREN'S ORTHOPAEDIC HOSPITAL AND CONVALESCENT HOME IN SANDY BAY.

ACCOMPANIED BY LADY MACLEHOSE, THE PATRON OF THE SOCIETY FOR THE RELIEF OF DISABLED CHILDREN WHICH RUNS THE HOSPITAL, MRS MASON WAS SHOWN ROUND THE VARIOUS UNITS OF THE ORTHOPAEDIC HOME INCLUDING THE PHYSIOTHERAPY DEPARTMENT AND HYDROTHERAPY POOLS.

SHE CHATTED WITH CHILDREN UNDERGOING TREATMENT THERE AND SHOWED PARTICULAR INTEREST IN THE HALO-PELVIC TRACTION TECHNIQUE DESIGNED BY THE HOSPITAL FOR CORRECTING SPINAL DEFORMITIES.

THE TECHNIQUE IS NOW WIDELY ADOPTED BY ORTHOPAEDIC SURGEONS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

THE HOSPITAL, WHICH ALSO OPERATES AN OUT-PATIENT DEPARTMENT, IS FINANCIALLY SUPPORTED BY GOVERNMENT SUBVENTIONS AND PUBLIC DONATIONS INCLUDING FUNDS RAISED BY THE SERVICES IN HONG KONG.

APART FROM CASH DONATIONS, THE ARMY ALSO RENDERS VOLUNTARY MEDICAL AND TECHNICAL SERVICES TO THE HOSPITAL.

THE LATEST EFFORT WAS MADE BY THE ROYAL MECHANICAL AND ELECTRICAL ENGINEERS OF THE 50 COMMAND WORKSHOP IN HELPING THE HOSPITAL TO REPAIR ITS WHEEL CHAIRS.

MRS MASON LATER WENT TO THE OCEAN PARK IN WONG CHUK HANG FOR A TOUR OF THE \$150 MILLION OCEANARIUM TO BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC THIS SUMMER.

IN THE MORNING, MRS MASON VISITED HONG KONG'S NEWEST HOUSING ESTATE, OI MAN ESTATE IN HOMANTIN.

ACCOMPANIED BY LADY MACLEHOSE AND THE DIRECTOR OF HOUSING, MR DONALD LIAO, MRS MASON MADE A TOUR OF THE COMMERCIAL COMPLEX AND MARKET AREAS. SHE ALSO VISITED A TYPICAL FAMILY HOME.

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CHEUNG SHA WAN OUTLINE ZONING PLAN

AN AMENDED DRAFT OUTLINE ZONING PLAN FOR CHEUNG SHA WAN DISTRICT HAS BEEN PUBLISHED BY THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD.

ONE AMENDMENT, THE INCORPORATION OF NEW NOTES TO THE PLAN, HAS BEEN MADE. THESE NOTES DO NOT AFFECT THE DISTRIBUTION OF EXISTING LAND USE BUT PROVIDE GREATER FLEXIBILITY IN THAT PERMISSION MAY NOW BE SOUGHT FROM THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD TO DEVELOP SITES FOR PURPOSES OTHER THAN THOSE SPECIFICALLY ZONED FOR IN THE PLAN.

UNDER A NOTICE PUBLISHED IN TODAY'S GOVERNMENT GAZETTE, ANY PERSON OBJECTING TO THE AMENDMENT TO THE PLAN MAY ADDRESS HIS OBJECTION IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY OF THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD, C/O THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, MURRAY BUILDING, HONG KONG, BEFORE JUNE 14, 1976.

THE CHEUNG SHA WAN OUTLINE ZONING PLAN COVERS A TOTAL AREA OF ABOUT 315 HECTARES (779 ACRES) AND IS ROUGHLY BOUNDED BY VICTORIA HARBOUR TO THE SOUTH, YUEN CHOW STREET AND TAI PO ROAD TO THE EAST, BUTTERFLY VALLEY ROAD AND CASTLE PEAK ROAD TO THE WEST, AND PIPER'S HILL TO THE NORTH.

P.W.D. TOWN PLANNERS HAVE ZONED ABOUT 25 HECTARES (61 ACRES) OF THE AREA FOR RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT, AND ANOTHER 15.5 HECTARES (38.5 ACRES) FOR COMMERCIAL/RESIDENTIAL USE.

THE TOTAL AREA RESERVED FOR GOVERNMENT, INSTITUTION AND COMMUNITY PURPOSES AMOUNTS TO ABOUT 46 HECTARES (114 ACRES), WHILE 29 HECTARES (72.5 ACRES) ARE SET ASIDE FOR INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT.

THE AREA FOR GREEN BELT COVERS 98 HECTARES (243 ACRES), OPEN SPACE 13 HECTARES (33 ACRES), WHILE SOME 18.6 HECTARES (46.5 ACRES) IS RESERVED FOR ROADS AND JUNCTIONS.

THE AMENDED DRAFT OUTLINE ZONING PLAN IS AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION UNTIL JUNE 14, 1976 AT THE P.W.D. TOWN PLANNING OFFICES ON BOTH SIDES OF THE HARBOUR, AND AT THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICES AT SHAM SHUI PO, CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICTS.

COPIES OF THE DRAFT PLAN ARE ALSO ON SALE AT THE P.W.D.'S CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE, 19TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, HONG KONG, AT \$5 FOR EACH UNCOLOURED COPY.

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NEW ARRANGEMENT FOR EXPORTS OF BABIES' GARMENTS TO THE EEC

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THE COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT, IN CONSULTATIONS IN BRUSSELS, EEC AND HONG KONG REPRESENTATIVES HAVE CLARIFIED THE EXTENT TO WHICH BABIES' GARMENTS ARE COVERED BY THE EEC/HONG KONG TEXTILE AGREEMENT.

THESE CONSULTATIONS BECAME NECESSARY WHEN IT WAS REALISED THAT THE COMMUNITY AND HONG KONG WERE INTERPRETING THE AGREEMENT DIFFERENTLY IN THIS RESPECT.

IT HAS NOW BEEN MUTUALLY AGREED THAT BABIES' GARMENTS SHOULD NOT BE INCLUDED IN MOST OF THE CATEGORIES UNDER RESTRAINT. THEY ARE INCLUDED ONLY IN FOUR CATEGORIES: CATEGORY 5 (ALL BABIES' KNITTED OUTERGARMENTS), CATEGORY 16 (ALL BABIES' KNITTED UNDERGARMENTS INCLUDING SHIRTS, SINGLETS, UNDERVESTS AND THE LIKE), CATEGORY 20 (ALL BABIES' WOVEN OUTERGARMENTS) AND CATEGORY 21 (ALL BABIES' WOVEN UNDERGARMENTS INCLUDING PYJAMAS, NIGHTDRESSES AND OTHER NIGHTGARMENTS).

WHILE EXPORTS IN CATEGORY 5 ARE UNDER RESTRAINT WHEN DESTINED FOR ANY MEMBER STATE OF THE COMMUNITY, EXPORTS IN CATEGORY 16 ARE UNDER RESTRAINT ONLY WHEN THEY ARE SHIPPED TO THE U.K. OR GERMANY, AND IN CATEGORIES 20 AND 21 ONLY WHEN SHIPPED TO THE UNITED KINGDOM.

THEREFORE WITH EFFECT FROM 5 P.M. TODAY, EXPORTS OF BABIES' GARMENTS IN CATEGORY 5 TO ANY MEMBER STATE, IN CATEGORIES 16, 20 AND 21 TO THE UNITED KINGDOM, AND IN CATEGORY 16 TO GERMANY MUST BE COVERED BY +QUOTA+ LICENCES.

THE DEPARTMENT WILL BE CALLING FOR SHIPMENT RETURNS NEXT WEEK IN ORDER THAT QUOTAS CAN BE OFFERED TO COMPANIES THAT SHIPPED BABIES' GARMENTS IN THESE CATEGORIES TO THESE MEMBER STATES IN THE PERIOD SINCE JULY 18, 1975, WHEN THE AGREEMENT CAME INTO FORCE.

IN THE MEANTIME, EXISTING QUOTA HOLDINGS IN THESE CATEGORIES MAY BE USED FOR SHIPMENT OF BABIES' GARMENTS.

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ENTERTAINMENT FOR 3,000 AT G.C.E.

ABOUT 3,000 PEOPLE - STUDENTS, GRADUATES AND MEMBERS OF THEIR FAMILIES - ARE EXPECTED TO TURN UP AT THE GRANTHAM COLLEGE OF EDUCATION THIS SATURDAY AFTERNOON TO CELEBRATE THE SILVER JUBILEE HOME-COMING DAY OF THE COLLEGE.

THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (PROFESSIONAL), MR. HO NGA-MING, WILL PERFORM THE OPENING CEREMONY AT 2 P.M.

SIXTEEN GAMES STALLS WILL BE SET UP FOR CHILDREN.

PRIZES FOR THE STALLS AND THOSE FOR A GRAND RAFFLE DRAW HAVE BEEN DONATED BY OVER 20 COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENTS.

FULL-TIME AND PART-TIME STUDENTS AND GRADUATES AND STAFF OF THE COLLEGE HAVE HELPED IN THE SALE OF THE RAFFLE TICKETS. FUNDS RAISED FROM THE SALE OF THESE TICKETS WILL BE USED TO ESTABLISH A SILVER JUBILEE SCHOLARSHIP AND TO FINANCE OTHER ACTIVITIES, SUCH AS A VARIETY SHOW, A HANDBALL COMPETITION AND THE PRINTING OF 12,000 COPIES OF THE COLLEGE MAGAZINE TO BE PUBLISHED IN NOVEMBER.

VISITORS WILL BE ABLE TO WATCH, AMONG OTHER THINGS, A GYMNASTIC DEMONSTRATION AND TO INSPECT THE LANGUAGE LABORATORY, THE SOCIAL SUBJECTS ROOMS, THE VISUAL EDUCATION ROOM, ART STUDIOS AND THE SCIENCE EXPERIMENT GARDEN.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE COLLEGE HOME-COMING DAY BETWEEN 2 P.M. AND 6 P.M. ON SATURDAY. THE COLLEGE IS IN GASCOIGNE ROAD, KOWLOON.

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COLONIAL SECRETARY VISITS AIRPORT

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY, SIR DENYS ROBERTS, TODAY (THURSDAY) SPENT SOME TWO HOURS VISITING HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT TO FAMILIARISE HIMSELF WITH ITS WORKINGS AND DEVELOPMENTS.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE DIRECTOR OF CIVIL AVIATION, MR. ROY DOWNING, AND OTHER OFFICERS OF THE CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT, SIR DENYS FIRST WENT TO THE AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL CENTRE WHERE HE SAW AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLERS BUSILY AT WORK.

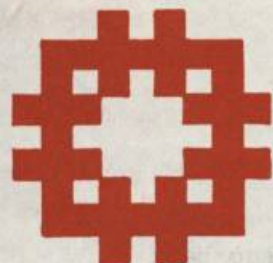
HE SHOWED PARTICULAR INTEREST IN THE WORKINGS OF THE NEWLY-INSTALLED SECONDARY SURVEILLANCE RADAR WHICH MONITORS ALL FLIGHT MOVEMENTS WITHIN THE HONG KONG FLIGHT INFORMATION REGION.

HE THEN VISITED THE CONTROL TOWER AND THE RESCUE COORDINATION EMERGENCY CENTRE WHERE HE WAS FULLY BRIEFED ON THE AIRPORT'S RESPONSIBILITIES AND CAPABILITIES DURING SEARCH-AND-RESCUE OPERATIONS.

CONTINUING HIS TOUR TO THE AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLERS TRAINING UNIT, SIR DENYS TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLERS LICENCES TO TWO YOUNG STUDENT OFFICERS JUST BACK FROM A TRAINING COURSE IN ENGLAND.

HE ENDED HIS VISIT WITH A TOUR OF THE TERMINAL BUILDING, THE NEW CARGO HANDLING COMPLEX UNDER CONSTRUCTION, AND THE AIRPORT FIRE STATION.

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REVISION OF PROCEDURE FOR
WAITING LIST APPLICANTS

Waiting list applicants for public housing will no longer be required to renew their applications annually. They need no longer send in their renewal cards and may destroy them.

However, applicants should still inform the Housing Department by letter of any changes in address.

This revision of procedure concerning waiting list applicants was among a number of others announced by the Housing Authority and which become effective today (Thursday).

Others refer to space and income criteria.

Hitherto, applicants whose accommodation gives them more than 35 square feet of space per person were not eligible for allocation through the waiting list, regardless of other living conditions.

The Authority however has now decided that the space limit of 35 square feet per person will be applicable only to applicants living in accommodation of durable materials, such as brick, stone and concrete, with facilities such as kitchen, piped water, sanitation either for exclusive use or shared with not more than two other families.

For applicants living in similar accommodation but without the use of either a kitchen, piped water or sanitation and having to share with more than two other families, the space limit will be 40 square feet per person.

There will be no space limit for those living in structures made of wood, cardboard and tin sheets.

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The income limits for waiting list applicants have also been re-adjusted as follows:

| <u>Family size</u> | <u>Total income</u> |
|--------------------|---------------------|
| 3-person | \$1,500 |
| 4-person | \$1,600 |
| 5-person | \$1,700 |
| 6-person | \$1,800 |
| 7-person | \$1,900 |
| 8-person | \$2,000 |
| 9-person | \$2,100 |
| 10 or more | \$2,200 |

Previously, the income limits were \$1,500 for family of three to six people; \$1,700 for family of seven; \$1,850 for family of eight; \$2,000 for family of nine; and \$2,200 for family of ten or more.

A spokesman for the Housing Department said that the revision in respect of space standards and income will be applicable to all cases which have not yet been investigated.

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