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CONSULTANTS APPOINTED TO STUDY AGRICULTURAL WASTE PROBLEM
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CONSULTANTS HAVE BEEN APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNMENT TO ADVISE ON THE DISPOSAL OF AGRICULTURAL WASTES.

A CONTRACT WAS SIGNED TODAY (WEDNESDAY) BY MR TERRY WILLSON, ACTING COMMISSIONER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND DR ROBIN BIDWELL OF ERL ASIA LIMITED, THE FIRM OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANTS THAT WILL UNDERTAKE THE WORK WITH WATSON HAWKSLEY ASIA AND HALCROW FOX ASSOCIATES.

MR WILLSON SAID THAT THE UNCONTROLLED DISPOSAL OF PIG AND POULTRY WASTES WAS A MAJOR CAUSE OF POLLUTION OF STREAMS AND OF SOME COASTAL WATERS AND GAVE RISE TO SERIOUS ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

A NUMBER OF PILOT SCHEMES ON POSSIBLE METHODS FOR HANDLING AND DISPOSING OF THE WASTES WAS BEING UNDERTAKEN BY THE GOVERNMENT.

+THE CONSULTANTS ARE BEING ASKED TO CARRY OUT A TECHNICAL AND ECONOMIC EVALUATION OF THE POSSIBLE CONTROL METHODS AND TO PREPARE A FULLY-COSTED WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN THAT WOULD IDENTIFY THE RESOURCES NEEDED TO TACKLE THE PROBLEM,+ MR WILLSON SAID.

+ONE OF THE ASPECTS THAT THE CONSULTANTS WILL BE EXAMINING IS POSSIBLE USES TO WHICH THE WASTES MAY BE PUT ONCE THEY HAVE BEEN TREATED.+

THERE HAS BEEN CONSIDERABLE INTEREST IN THE USE OF AGRICULTURAL WASTES AS A SOURCE OF ENERGY, SOIL COMPOST OR FISH FOOD,+ DR BIDWELL SAID.

+BUT IT IS ALWAYS IMPORTANT TO ENSURE THERE IS A LARGE ENOUGH MARKET FOR THE RECOVERED PRODUCT BEFORE EMBARKING ON A COSTLY INVESTMENT IN A PARTICULAR TYPE OF TREATMENT PLANT,+ HE ADDED.

THE STUDY TEAM WILL START WORK SHORTLY, AND IS EXPECTED TO HAVE THE REPORT READY BY THE END OF NOVEMBER.

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GOVERNOR SENDS MESSAGE OF
CONGRATULATIONS TO LORD MACLEHOSE

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A MESSAGE OF CONGRATULATIONS HAS BEEN SENT BY THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, TO LORD MACLEHOSE, HONG KONG'S FORMER GOVERNOR, WHO TAKES HIS SEAT IN THE HOUSE OF LORDS TODAY.

THE MESSAGE READS:

+MANY CONGRATULATIONS AND WARMEST GOOD WISHES FROM THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF HONG KONG ON TAKING YOUR SEAT.+

LORD MACLEHOSE'S OFFICIAL TITLE IS: BARON MACLEHOSE OF BECH, OF MAYBOLE IN THE DISTRICT OF KYLE AND CARRICK, AND OF VICTORIA IN HONG KONG.

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JAPANESE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR HONG KONG STUDENTS

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STUDENTS BETWEEN THE AGES OF 18 AND 22 CAN NOW APPLY FOR TWO JAPANESE GOVERNMENT SCHOLARSHIPS OFFERED UNDER THE MONBUSHO SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME TO HONG KONG STUDENTS.

THE SCHOLARSHIPS PROVIDE FOR UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES IN SOCIAL SCIENCE AND HUMANITIES OR NATURAL SCIENCES AT A JAPANESE UNIVERSITY.

APPLICANTS NEED NOT HAVE ANY PREVIOUS KNOWLEDGE OF JAPANESE BUT THEY MUST BE WILLING TO RECEIVE UNIVERSITY EDUCATION IN THE MEDIUM OF JAPANESE.

THEY SHOULD HAVE COMPLETED THE ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS OF EITHER OF THE TWO UNIVERSITIES IN HONG KONG- OR PASSED IN TWO RELEVANT SUBJECTS AT THE ADVANCED LEVEL AND IN THREE RELEVANT SUBJECTS AT THE ORDINARY LEVEL- OR PASSED IN THREE RELEVANT SUBJECTS AT THE ADVANCED LEVEL AND IN ONE RELEVANT SUBJECT AT ORDINARY LEVEL IN THE GCE.

THE AWARDS ARE NORMALLY TENABLE FOR FIVE YEARS FROM APRIL 1983 TO MARCH 1988 AND WILL COVER TUITION, ACCOMMODATION, LIVING EXPENSES AND RETURN PASSAGE.

SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS WILL BE ENROLLED AT THE JAPANESE LANGUAGE SCHOOL ATTACHED TO THE TOKYO UNIVERSITY OF FOREIGN STUDIES AND WILL BE GIVEN A ONE-YEAR COURSE ON THE JAPANESE LANGUAGE AND OTHER NECESSARY SUBJECTS TO PREPARE THEM FOR THE FOUR-YEAR DEGREE COURSE.

APPLICATION FORMS AND FURTHER INFORMATION ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE OVERSEAS STUDENTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS SECTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AT ROOM 1522, LEIGHTON CENTRE, 77 LEIGHTON ROAD, HONG KONG.

COMPLETED FORMS AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS MUST BE RETURNED TO THE SAME OFFICE NOT LATER THAN AUGUST 20.

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CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES FOR JUNE 1982

THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (A) AND CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (B) FOR JUNE 1982 WERE BOTH 130, EACH BEING 1 POINT OR 0.8 PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN THE PRECEDING MONTH, THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT REPORTED TODAY.

COMPARED WITH JUNE LAST YEAR, BOTH C.P.I. (A) AND C.P.I. (B) INCREASED BY 13 POINTS OR 11.1 PER CENT.

DURING THE MONTH, FOOD PRICES, ESPECIALLY THOSE OF FRESH VEGETABLES, SALT-WATER FISH AND MEALS BOUGHT IN RESTAURANTS, TRANSPORT FEES AND CHARGES FOR SERVICES WERE HIGHER.

THE C.P.I. (A) AND C.P.I. (B) ARE BASED ON THE EXPENDITURE PATTERNS OF 50 PER CENT AND 30 PER CENT, RESPECTIVELY, OF URBAN HOUSEHOLDS IN HONG KONG, WHICH WERE DERIVED FROM THE 1979/80 HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE SURVEY. AT THAT TIME, THE C.P.I. (A) REFERRED TO HOUSEHOLDS SPENDING BETWEEN \$1 000 AND \$3 499 A MONTH AND THE C.P.I. (B) TO HOUSEHOLDS SPENDING BETWEEN \$3 500 AND \$6 499 A MONTH.

THE INDEXES FOR JUNE 1982 IN RESPECT OF THE NINE COMMODITY/SERVICE SECTIONS IN THE TWO CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES ARE GIVEN BELOW, TOGETHER WITH THOSE FOR MAY 1982 AND JUNE 1981.

(OCTOBER 1979 TO SEPTEMBER 1980 AVERAGE = 100)

SECTION	C.P.I. (A)			C.P.I. (B)		
	JUNE 81	MAY 82	JUNE 82	JUNE 81	MAY 82	JUNE 82
FOODSTUFFS	119	133	135	119	133	135
HOUSING	112	124	124	113	124	124
FUEL AND LIGHT	136	133	133	137	134	134
ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO (FOR HOME CONSUMPTION)	111	124	124	111	123	123
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	115	131	132	115	132	132
DURABLE GOODS	108	109	108	109	111	110
MISCELLANEOUS GOODS	109	121	121	109	118	117
TRANSPORT AND VEHICLES	129	139	140	126	138	141
SERVICES	116	133	134	116	132	133
ALL ITEMS	117	129	130	117	129	130

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THE INDEX FOR FOODSTUFFS INCREASED BY TWO POINTS IN BOTH C.P.I. (A) AND C.P.I. (B).

RISES WERE RECORDED IN THE AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF FRESH VEGETABLES AS THE SUPPLY OF LOCALLY-GROWN VEGETABLES HAD NOT RETURNED TO NORMAL DURING THE MONTH AFTER THE HEAVY RAINSTORMS IN MAY AND EARLY JUNE.

THE AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF SALT-WATER FISH ALSO WENT UP OWING TO REDUCED SUPPLY, ESPECIALLY DURING THE LAST WEEK OF JUNE WHEN MOST FISHING BOATS STAYED AT HOME TO CELEBRATE THE DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL.

INCREASES WERE ALSO RECORDED IN THE AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF PORK AND IN THE AVERAGE CHARGES FOR MEALS BOUGHT IN RESTAURANTS. THE EFFECT OF THE MOVEMENTS IN THE RETAIL PRICES OF OTHER FOOD ITEMS ON THE INDEX FOR FOODSTUFFS WAS INSIGNIFICANT.

THE INDEX FOR TRANSPORT AND VEHICLES INCREASED BY ONE POINT IN C.P.I. (A) AND BY THREE POINTS IN C.P.I. (B) AS A RESULT OF HIGHER FEES CHARGED BY DRIVING INSTRUCTORS, HIGHER FARES CHARGED BY THE PEAK TRAM AND THE HONG KONG/MACAU FERRIES AND HYDROFOILS. ALSO RESPONSIBLE WERE THE INCREASES IN M.T.R. FARES, VEHICLE LICENCE FEES AND IN THE PRICES OF GASOLINE AND MOTOR VEHICLES INTRODUCED IN MAY, AS THEY BEGAN TO SHOW THE FULL IMPACT.

HIGHER CHARGES FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT AND HAIRDRESSING CAUSED THE INDEX FOR SERVICES TO INCREASE BY ONE POINT IN BOTH C.P.I. (A) AND C.P.I. (B).

PRICE MOVEMENTS IN OTHER SECTIONS WERE INSIGNIFICANT.

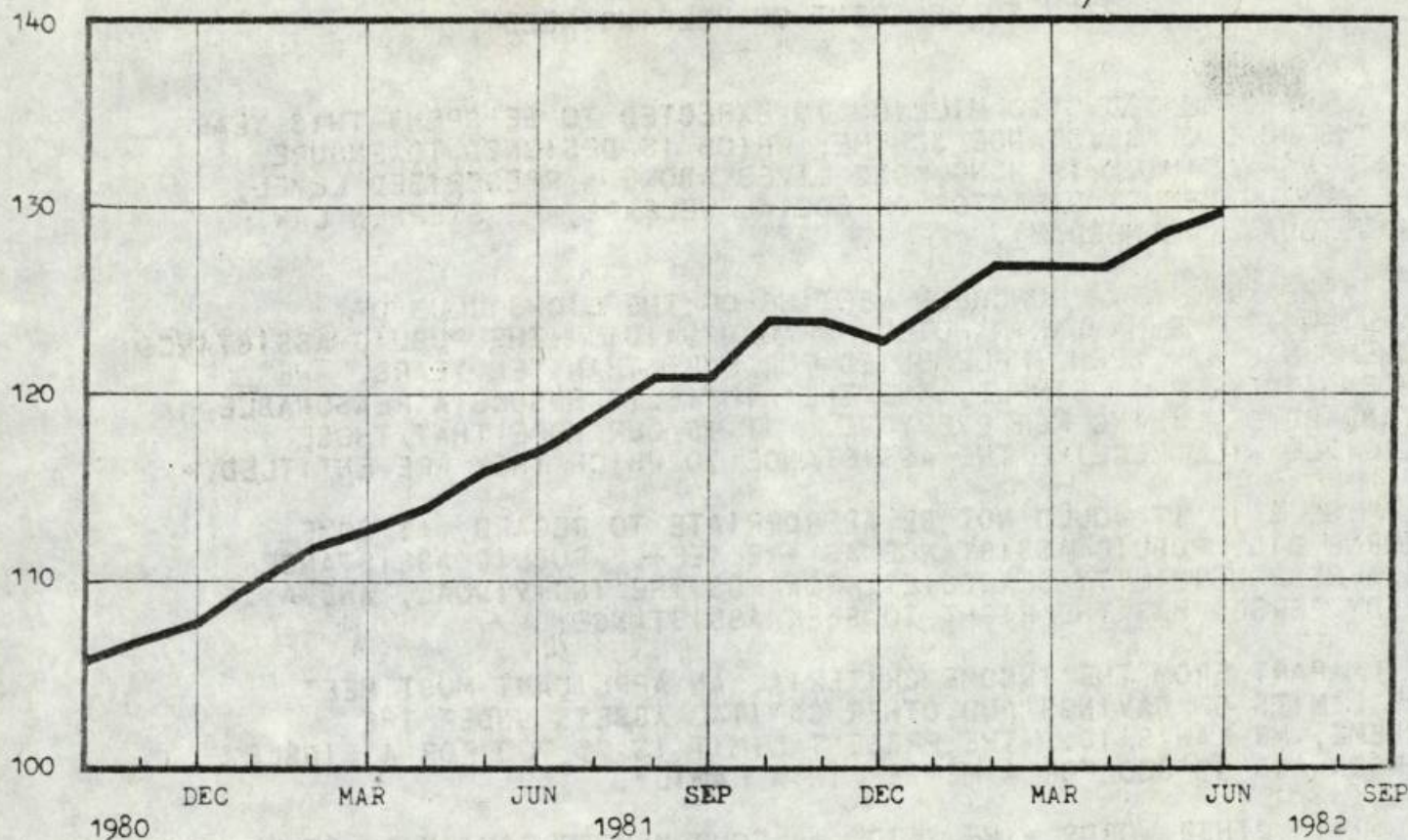
DETAILS OF THESE PRICE MOVEMENTS ARE GIVEN IN THE +CONSUMER PRICE INDEX REPORT+ FOR JUNE 1982, AVAILABLE AT \$3 PER COPY AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, GROUND FLOOR, CONNAUGHT PLACE, HONG KONG.

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Graph A

Consumer Price Index (A)

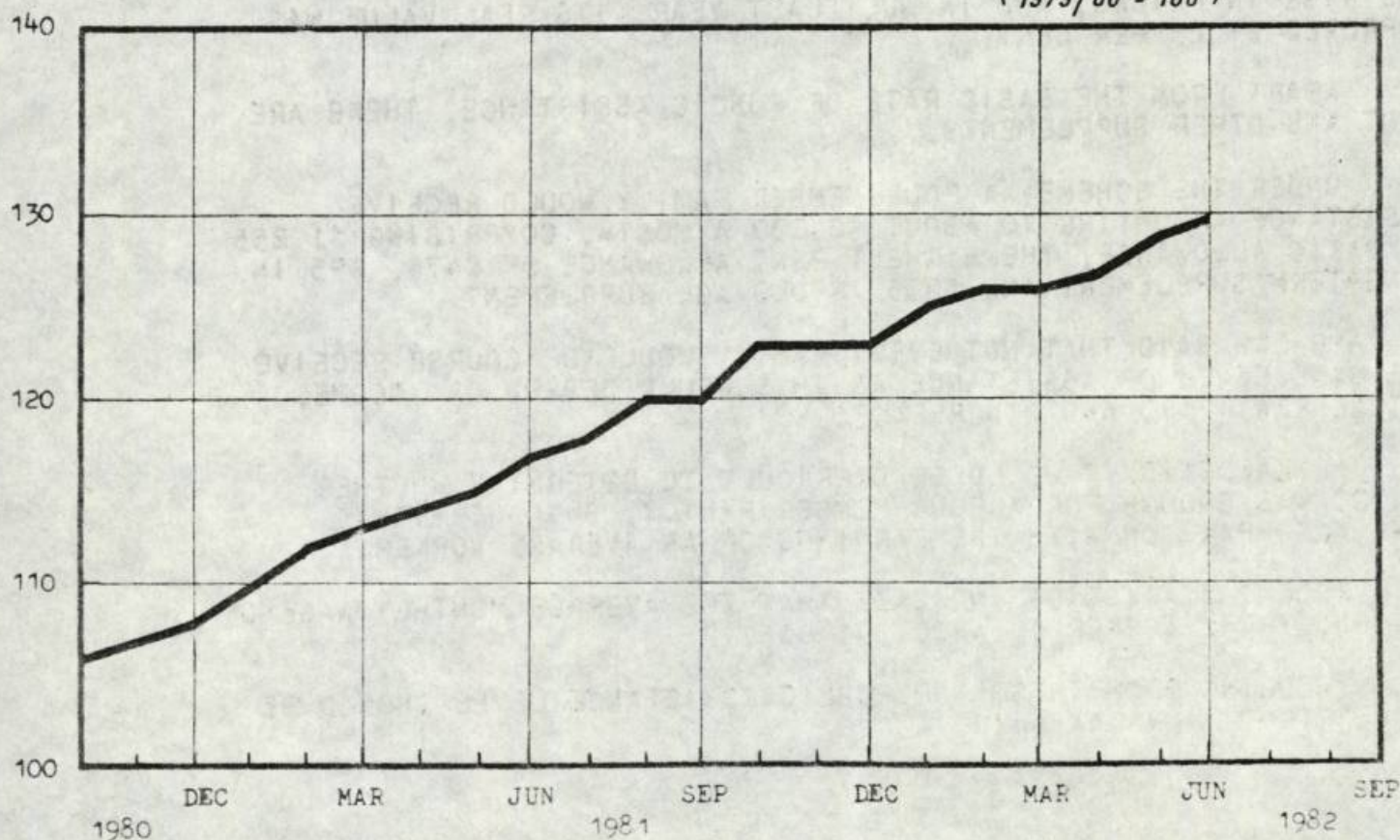
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Graph B

Consumer Price Index (B)

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\$370M TO BE SPENT ON HELPING NEEDY
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AN ESTIMATED \$370 MILLION IS EXPECTED TO BE SPENT THIS YEAR ON THE PUBLIC ASSISTANCE SCHEME, WHICH IS DESIGNED TO ENSURE THAT EVERY FAMILY IN HONG KONG LIVES ABOVE A PRESCRIBED LEVEL, THE ACTING DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR STEPHEN LAW, SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

SPEAKING AT A LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE LIONS CLUB OF BAYVIEW AT THE MANDARIN HOTEL, MR LAW SAID: +THE PUBLIC ASSISTANCE SCHEME HAS NOW BEEN IMPLEMENTED FOR MORE THAN TEN YEARS. WE INTEND TO KEEP IT SIMPLE, AND THE AIM IS TO ENSURE A REASONABLE STANDARD OF LIVING FOR EVERYONE. IT IS OUR HOPE THAT THOSE ELIGIBLE WILL RECEIVE THE ASSISTANCE TO WHICH THEY ARE ENTITLED.+

HE SAID IT WOULD NOT BE APPROPRIATE TO REGARD, AS SOME PEOPLE DID, PUBLIC ASSISTANCE AS +RELIEF+. PUBLIC ASSISTANCE IS A RESPONSIBILITY OF SOCIETY TOWARDS THE INDIVIDUAL, AND A NEEDY PERSON HAS THE RIGHT TO SEEK ASSISTANCE.

APART FROM THE INCOME CRITERIA, AN APPLICANT MUST MEET THE LIMITS OF SAVINGS AND OTHER CAPITAL ASSETS UNDER THE SCHEME, MR LAW SAID. THE PRESENT LIMIT IS \$5 700 FOR A SINGLE PERSON AND \$3 800 FOR A MEMBER IN A FAMILY.

+IN OTHER WORDS,+ HE SAID, +A FOUR-MEMBER FAMILY IS STILL ELIGIBLE FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE IF IT HAS SAVINGS AMOUNTING TO LESS THAN \$15 200 BUT EARNS A MEAGRE INCOME.+

MR LAW SAID THAT THE BASIC SCALE RATE OF PUBLIC ASSISTANCE HAD BEEN REVISED EIGHT TIMES IN THE PAST 10 YEARS TO MEET THE RISE IN PRICES, AND IN JULY LAST YEAR, ITS REAL VALUE WAS IMPROVED BY 25 PER CENT.

APART FROM THE BASIC RATE OF PUBLIC ASSISTANCE, THERE ARE RENT AND OTHER SUPPLEMENTS.

UNDER THE SCHEME, A FOUR-MEMBER FAMILY WOULD RECEIVE ASSISTANCE AMOUNTING TO ABOUT \$2 000 A MONTH, COMPRISING \$1 255 IN BASIC ALLOWANCE, THE HIGHEST RENT ALLOWANCE OF \$479, \$95 IN LONG-TERM SUPPLEMENT AND \$255 IN OLD AGE SUPPLEMENT.

MR LAW SAID THAT NOT EVERY FAMILY WOULD OF COURSE RECEIVE THE SAME LEVEL OF ASSISTANCE AS THIS WOULD DEPEND ON INCOME, ACTUAL RENT PAID AND OTHER FACTORS.

MR LAW SAID IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO DETERMINE WHETHER \$2 000 WAS ENOUGH FOR A FOUR-MEMBER FAMILY, BUT ONE MIGHT MAKE A COMPARISON WITH THE EARNINGS OF AN AVERAGE WORKER.

RECENT STATISTICS INDICATE THAT THE AVERAGE MONTHLY WAGE OF AN INDUSTRIAL WORKER IS ABOUT \$1 815.

+JUDGING FROM THIS, THE PUBLIC ASSISTANCE LEVEL SHOULD BE ABOUT RIGHT,+ MR LAW SAID.

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+WE ARE KEEPING A CLOSE WATCH ON THE LEVEL OF PUBLIC ASSISTANCE TO SEE THAT IT ACHIEVES WHAT IT IS SUPPOSED TO DO,+ HE ADDED.

MR LAW SAID THAT ABOUT 47 300 FAMILIES WERE NOW RECEIVING PUBLIC ASSISTANCE AND THAT IN THE PAST FOUR YEARS, THIS FIGURE HAD NOT SHOWN ANY GREAT FLUCTUATIONS.

+EXPERIENCE TELLS US THAT GENERALLY SPEAKING, THE PUBLIC ASSISTANCE CASELOAD DOES REFLECT THE STATE OF THE ECONOMY TO A CERTAIN EXTENT,+ HE SAID. +WHEN THE ECONOMY PICKS UP, THE NUMBER OF PUBLIC ASSISTANCE RECIPIENTS WILL FALL.+

MR LAW NOTED THE FOLLOWING CHANGES IN THE CHARACTERISTICS OF PUBLIC ASSISTANCE RECIPIENTS COMPARED WITH FOUR YEARS AGO:

- * ELDERLY - NUMBERS HAVE INCREASED FROM 63 PER CENT TO 74 PER CENT
- * DISABLED - NUMBERS HAVE DROPPED FROM 20 PER CENT TO 13 PER CENT
- * WIDOWS AND ORPHANS - NUMBERS HAVE DROPPED FROM 4.9 PER CENT TO 4.7 PER CENT
- * UNEMPLOYED AND LOW-INCOME PEOPLE - NUMBERS HAVE DROPPED FROM 10 PER CENT TO 3 PER CENT
- * OTHERS - NUMBERS HAVE RISEN FROM 2 PER CENT TO 5 PER CENT.

THESE CHANGES INDICATE THAT THE MAIN BENEFICIARIES OF THE PUBLIC ASSISTANCE SCHEME ARE THE ELDERLY SINGLE PERSONS AND THAT PEOPLE WITH EARNINGS ARE UNLIKELY TO DEPEND ON ASSISTANCE.

MR LAW WONDERED WHETHER PEOPLE WITH EARNINGS WERE REALLY LIVING ABOVE THE PUBLIC ASSISTANCE LEVEL, OR WHETHER THEY WERE SIMPLY UNAWARE THAT THEY WERE ENTITLED TO RECEIVE ASSISTANCE TO BRING THEIR INCOME UP TO THE PRESCRIBED LEVEL.

+FOR EXAMPLE,+ HE SAID, +A FOUR-MEMBER FAMILY WITH A MONTHLY INCOME OF ONLY \$1 500 COULD QUALIFY FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE. I HOPE THESE FAMILIES WILL COME FORWARD TO APPLY.+

MR LAW NOTED THAT ANOTHER CHANGE HAD BEEN THE FACT THAT SINGLE PEOPLE RECEIVING PUBLIC ASSISTANCE HAD INCREASED FROM 75 TO 79 PER CENT IN THE LAST FOUR YEARS. THEIR HOUSING CONDITION HAD ALSO UNDERGONE A SIGNIFICANT CHANGE:

- * THOSE IN PUBLIC HOUSING HAVE DROPPED FROM 37.7 TO 34.9 PER CENT
- * THOSE IN PRIVATE HOUSING HAVE REMAINED STABLE AT 28.7 PER CENT
- * THOSE IN INSTITUTIONS HAVE RISEN FROM 5.4 TO 10 PER CENT
- * THOSE LIVING IN SQUATTER HUTS AND OTHERS HAVE FALLEN FROM 27.3 TO 25.5 PER CENT

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THIS SHOWED THAT AS THE NUMBER LIVING IN PUBLIC HOUSING AND SQUATTER AREAS DECREASED, THE NUMBER LIVING IN INSTITUTIONS CORRESPONDINGLY INCREASED.

REFERRING TO THE SOCIAL SECURITY APPEAL BOARD, MR LAW SAID THAT FROM 1978, WHEN THE BOARD WAS ESTABLISHED, AND UP TO 1982, 206 COMPLAINTS HAD BEEN HANDLED. OF THESE, 43 CASES WERE RESOLVED WITHOUT A HEARING WHILE IN THE OTHER 163 CASES, THE DECISIONS OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT WERE UPHOLD IN 83 CASES, AND THOSE IN THE REMAINING 80 CASES WERE SUBSTITUTED BY THE BOARD'S RULINGS.

MOST OF THE COMPLAINTS INVOLVED PUBLIC ASSISTANCE, WITH CASES INVOLVING SPECIAL NEEDS ALLOWANCE AND THE TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS VICTIMS ASSISTANCE SCHEME COMING SECOND AND THIRD.

+THESE FIGURES SHOW THAT THE APPEAL BOARD IS SERVING ITS PURPOSE,+ MR LAW SAID.

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MORE BUSES ON THE ROADS

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BUS SERVICES HAVE BEEN MUCH IMPROVED WITH MORE BUSES BEING PUT ON THE ROADS BY THE BUS COMPANIES.

DISCLOSING THIS TODAY (WEDNESDAY), THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT, MR PETER LEEDS, SAID TWO SEPARATE SURVEYS ON KMB AND CMB SERVICES HAD RECENTLY BEEN CONDUCTED BY HIS DEPARTMENT.

+THE SURVEY ON KMB SHOWED THAT THE SCHEDULED VEHICLE REQUIREMENTS ARE BEING MET,+ MR LEEDS SAID.

+AND AT THE TIME OF THE SURVEY, THE COMPANY WAS OPERATING 22 ADDITIONAL BUSES TO SUPPLEMENT THE OFFICIAL TIMETABLE REQUIREMENT OF 1 640 BUSES,+ HE ADDED.

A SIMILAR SURVEY ON CMB SHOWED THAT THE COMPANY WAS OPERATING SOME 30 BUSES SHORT OF TIMETABLE REQUIREMENTS IN THE MORNING.

+HOWEVER,+ MR LEEDS SAID, +BY THE EVENING OF THE SURVEY DAY, THE SITUATION HAD IMPROVED AND THE COMPANY WAS ABLE TO COMPLY WITH THE TIMETABLE REQUIREMENTS BY HAVING 705 BUSES IN OPERATION.+

COMPARING WITH THE RESULTS OF PREVIOUS SURVEYS CONDUCTED ON CMB WHEN MUCH LARGER SHORTFALLS HAD BEEN RECORDED, MR LEEDS SAID THAT CMB HAD MADE CONSIDERABLE PROGRESS IN INCREASING THE AVAILABILITY OF BUSES TO MEET THE SCHEDULED REQUIREMENTS.

HE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE COMPANY WOULD CONTINUE TO MAKE IMPROVEMENTS TO THE STANDARDS OF SERVICE.

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APPRENTICESHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH
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THE INDUSTRIAL TRAINING SECTION OF THE TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND INDUSTRIAL TRAINING DEPARTMENT NOW OPERATES AN APPRENTICE PLACEMENT SERVICE FOR QUALIFIED YOUTHS WISHING TO PURSUE INDUSTRIAL CAREERS.

BOTH CRAFT AND TECHNICIAN APPRENTICESHIPS ARE BEING OFFERED IN HONG KONG'S 10 MAJOR INDUSTRIES: AUTOMOBILE REPAIRS AND SERVICING, BUILDING AND CIVIL ENGINEERING, CLOTHING, ELECTRICAL, ELECTRONICS, MACHINE SHOP AND METAL WORKING, PLASTICS, PRINTING, SHIPBUILDING AND SHIP REPAIR, AND TEXTILES.

THE ENTRY REQUIREMENT IS COMPLETION OF FORM III FOR CRAFT APPRENTICESHIP WHILE FOR TECHNICIAN APPRENTICESHIP COMPLETION OF FORM V IS REQUIRED, WITH GRADE E OR ABOVE IN FOUR RELEVANT SUBJECTS IN THE CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION EXAMINATION, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID.

DURING THE APPRENTICESHIP, WHICH NORMALLY LASTS FOUR YEARS, APPRENTICES RECEIVE ON-THE-JOB TRAINING PROVIDED BY THEIR EMPLOYERS, AND AT THE SAME TIME ATTEND PART-TIME DAY-RELEASE TECHNICAL COURSES EITHER IN A TECHNICAL INSTITUTE OR AT THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC.

ON COMPLETION OF THEIR TRAINING, APPRENTICES WILL BE AWARDED CERTIFICATES BY THE DIRECTOR OF TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND INDUSTRIAL TRAINING, CERTIFYING THEIR COMPETENCY IN THE TRADE FOR WHICH THEY HAVE BEEN TRAINED.

FURTHER ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE AT THE INDUSTRIAL TRAINING SECTION, TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND INDUSTRIAL TRAINING DEPARTMENT, 12TH FLOOR, ASIAN HOUSE, 1 HENNESSY ROAD, WAN CHAI, HONG KONG.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS ON HK ISLAND

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THE EASTERN HALF OF POLLOCK'S PATH AT THE PEAK WILL BE TEMPORARILY CLOSED TO TRAFFIC WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT FOR ABOUT A MONTH TO ALLOW ROAD WORKS TO BE CARRIED OUT.

FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (JULY 23) FORTRESS HILL ROAD IN NORTH POINT NEAR ITS JUNCTION WITH CHUNG ON TERRACE WILL BE CLOSED TO SOUTHBOUND TRAFFIC FOR ROAD WORKS.

DURING THE CLOSURE, SOUTHBOUND VEHICLES WILL BE DIVERTED VIA TIN HAU TEMPLE ROAD.

HOWEVER, FRANCHISED BUSES TRAVELLING ON FORTRESS HILL ROAD WILL NOT BE AFFECTED.

ALSO FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (JULY 23), DEEP WATER BAY ROAD BETWEEN NAM FUNG ROAD AND THE WONG NAI CHUNG GAP ROAD ROUNDABOUT WILL BE RE-OPENED TO TWO-WAY TRAFFIC FOLLOWING THE COMPLETION OF CABLE LAYING WORKS.

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DIRECTOR OF TRADE DESIGNATE LEAVES FOR EUROPE

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THE DIRECTOR OF TRADE DESIGNATE, MR LAWRENCE MILLS, WILL LEAVE HONG KONG ON FRIDAY (JULY 23), FOR A FURTHER SERIES OF TALKS IN EUROPE BEFORE PROCEEDING ON LEAVE.

+THE PURPOSE OF MY VISIT IS TO GET AN OVERALL VIEW OF THE SITUATION AS REGARDS SEVERAL MAJOR TRADE ISSUES OF IMPORTANCE TO HONG KONG JUST BEFORE THE SUMMER BREAK IN EUROPE,+ MR MILLS SAID.

HE WILL VISIT GENEVA, BRUSSELS, PARIS AND LONDON.

IN GENEVA, HE WILL HOLD TALKS WITH THE COUNSELLOR (HONG KONG AFFAIRS), MR T.H. CHAU, AND REPRESENTATIVES OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES ON MATTERS OF MUTUAL INTEREST.

IN BRUSSELS, HE WILL MEET EEC TEXTILE NEGOTIATORS FOR A CALLOVER ON OUTSTANDING ISSUES IN THE HONG KONG/EEC TEXTILE NEGOTIATIONS SCHEDULED TO RESUME IN SEPTEMBER.

IN PARIS, MR MILLS WILL HOLD TALKS WITH FRENCH OFFICIALS ON THE RESTRICTIONS APPLIED TO IMPORTS ON QUARTZ WATCHES AND SOME OTHER PRODUCTS BY THE FRENCH AUTHORITIES- AND IN LONDON, MR MILLS WILL BRIEF HONG KONG'S COMMISSIONER, SIR JACK CATER, ON THE CURRENT TRADE SITUATION AND HOLD INFORMAL TALKS WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UK DEPARTMENT OF TRADE.

MR MILLS WILL PROCEED FROM VACATION LEAVE DIRECTLY TO BRUSSELS FOR THE RESUMED TEXTILES NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE EEC.

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TENDERS SOUGHT FOR SHORT-TERM TENANCY

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THE LANDS DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR A TENANCY OF A PIECE OF CROWN LAND IN YUEN LONG NEW TOWN.

THE LOT, OF ABOUT 4 774 SQUARE METRES, IS SITUATED AT YUEN LONG INDUSTRIAL AREA.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE LANDS DEPARTMENT SAID THAT THE SITE COULD BE USED FOR EITHER A CONCRETE BATCHING PLANT, INCLUDING THE MANUFACTURING OF CONCRETE PRODUCTS AND STORAGE AGGREGATE, OR A CONTAINER FREIGHT STATION, INCLUDING THE OPEN STORAGE OF CONTAINERS.

THE TENANCY WILL BE FOR AN INITIAL PERIOD OF ONE YEAR AND, THEREAFTER, QUARTERLY.

THE DEADLINE FOR ACCEPTANCE OF TENDERS IS NOON ON AUGUST 6.

TENDER FORMS, WITH NOTICES AND CONDITIONS, MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, YUEN LONG.

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LABOUR LAW OFFENCES

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OF THE 820 PROSECUTIONS TAKEN OUT BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT LAST (JUNE) MONTH FOR BREACHES OF LABOUR LAWS, 786 RESULTED IN CONVICTION AND FINES IMPOSED BY THE COURTS TOTALLED \$659 265.

MOST OF THE CASES CONCERNED BREACHES OF THE FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS ORDINANCE AND ITS VARIOUS SUBSIDIARY REGULATIONS, THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE AND THE WOMEN AND YOUNG PERSONS (INDUSTRY) REGULATIONS.

CASES CONCERNING VIOLATIONS OF SAFETY REGULATIONS TOTALLED 260, WITH \$356 290 IN FINES. THESE INCLUDED 121 CASES (WITH \$124 000 IN FINES) FOR BREACH OF THE FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS (GUARDING AND OPERATION OF MACHINERY) REGULATIONS AND 79 CASES (WITH \$157 700 IN FINES) FOR BREACH OF THE CONSTRUCTION SITES (SAFETY) REGULATIONS.

CASES RELATING TO BREACHES OF THE WOMEN AND YOUNG PERSONS (INDUSTRY) REGULATIONS ACCOUNTED FOR 441 WITH \$225 525 IN FINES.

OF THE OTHER PROSECUTIONS, 25 CASES WERE RELATED TO FAILURE TO KEEP RECORDS OF EMPLOYEES, LEADING TO \$12 450 IN FINES.

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CENTRAL AND WESTERN DB MEETING

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THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD WILL HOLD ITS FOURTH MEETING TOMORROW (THURSDAY) AT 4 PM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN CITY DISTRICT OFFICE.

AT THE MEETING, WHICH WILL BE CHAIRED BY THE CITY DISTRICT COMMISSIONER FOR CENTRAL AND WESTERN, MR A.G. COOPER, BOARD MEMBERS WILL BE CONSULTED ON THEIR VIEWS ON THE OVERHEAD DEVELOPMENT OF MARKET COMPLEXES, WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO THE COMPLEX TO BE CONSTRUCTED ON THE WESTERN RECLAMATION.

THE CHIEF TOWN PLANNER, MR H.K. CHAN WILL BRIEF THE MEETING ON THE GENERAL CONCEPTS ON TOWN PLANNING.

A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT WILL EXPLAIN TO BOARD MEMBERS THE PRESENT POSITION REGARDING THE OPENING OF THE BUS-ONLY LANES IN THE MID-LEVELS ON SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN ANATOMY REPORT WILL BE TABLED AT THE MEETING.

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SALT WATER CUT ON HK ISLAND

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SALT WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN AREAS IN UPPER LEVEL, CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICTS WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR 11 HOURS FROM 9 AM TO 8 PM ON FRIDAY (JULY 23) TO FACILITATE ESSENTIAL WORK ON THE SUPPLY SYSTEM.

IN UPPER LEVEL, THE AFFECTED AREAS INCLUDE ROBINSON ROAD FROM CASTLE ROAD TO GARDEN ROAD, MACDONNELL ROAD, SEYMOUR ROAD, CASTLE ROAD, MOSQUE STREET, MOSQUE JUNCTION, CAINE ROAD, CONDUIT ROAD, KOTEWALL ROAD, LYTTTELTON ROAD AND BONHAM ROAD.

IN CENTRAL AND WESTERN THE AFFECTED AREA IS BETWEEN ICE HOUSE STREET AND HILL ROAD, INCLUDING CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL, CONNAUGHT ROAD WEST, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST, HOLLYWOOD ROAD, FIRST STREET, SECOND STREET, THIRD STREET, HIGH STREET, WATER STREET, ABERDEEN STREET, PEEL STREET, WYNDHAM STREET, DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL AND DES VOEUX ROAD WEST.

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WATER CUT IN NGAU CHI WAN

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO SOME PREMISES IN NGAU CHI WAN WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 10 PM ON FRIDAY (JULY 23) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR WATER MAINS WORK.

PREMISES AFFECTED WILL BE THOSE ALONG LEE ON ROAD AND SHUN CHI STREET, INCLUDING SHUN LEE ESTATE, SHUN ON ESTATE, SHUN TIN ESTATE, SHUN CHI COURT AND SHUN LEE TSUEN TEMPORARY RESITE AREA.

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