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Head: 162 – Rating and Valuation Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (4) Landlord and Tenant Services

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Rating and Valuation

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Transport and Housing

Question:

Concerning monitoring of the operation of the Landlord and Tenant (Consolidation) Ordinance, how many surveys and reviews have been conducted by the Department in the past three years? What are the findings? On average, how many landlords re-let their properties to different tenants upon expiry of tenancy every two or four years? Is there a general phenomenon that tenants change their rental accommodation more often or landlords re-let their properties to different tenants more frequently? How many surveys and reviews are expected to be conducted this year? Will the Department conduct detailed analysis of the above phenomenon of tenants changing their rental accommodation and landlords re-letting their properties to different tenants? Does this occur mainly in which rental category of properties?

Asked by: Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply:

The Rating and Valuation Department (RVD) has been providing landlords and tenants with free advisory and mediatory services on tenancy matters. In general, the landlords or the tenants may decide not to extend a tenancy due to various reasons. RVD has not conducted surveys and reviews on the change of tenancy in the past. In the coming year, as far as tenancy matters are concerned, RVD will continue to target our effort in providing landlords and tenants with free advisory and mediatory services.

Signature _____

Name in block letters MRS. MIMI BROWN

Post Title Commissioner of Rating and Valuation

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