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PUBLIC HOUSING

Enche Abdul Hamid bin Haji Jumat, the Minister for Local Government, Lands and Housing, gave the following reply to a question tabled by Mr. William Tan (Member for Tiong Bahru) at the Legislative Assembly meeting this morning, regarding the steps Government propose to take to meet the housing needs of families on the waiting list for SIT accommodation:

"The steps I propose to take will be precisely the same as those being taken now.

"The provision of public housing is regulated by the availability of fund, staff and sites available for development. Taking these factors into account, the production of houses for public accommodation by the SIT has proceeded as rapidly as possible. The intention of this Government is to concentrate all the resources that can be spared into building housing accommodation only for the lowest income groups which private enterprise will not provide. Government will be spending an estimated total of \$23 million in such housing for 1958."

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