WEARLY one-third of the 62,900 people living in temporary housing areas were offered public rental housing last year.

Secretary for Planning, Environment and Lands Tony Eason said 13,500 of the 20,900 who were offered public units had been rehoused.

He said those who did not take up the offer either preferred to be rehoused in an area where flats were not available, or wanted flats with specific details and on a specific floor, which could not be provided.