

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2003-04
**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

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Question :

Concerning the operation of the Comprehensive Building Safety Improvement Loan Scheme under Programme (2): Buildings, Lands and Planning, which requires continuous monitoring, what is the total number of loan applications approved in 2002-2003 and what is the loan amount involved? What is the estimated amount of loan committed for 2003-04?

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Yuen-han

Reply :

For 2002, 2,830 loan applications were approved, involving a total amount of \$83.8 million. For 2003, we estimate the total amount of loans committed to be \$70 million and the corresponding number of loan applications approved to be 1,850.

Signature _____

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