

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

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Question :

What is the reason for the drastic decrease (to less than half of the figure of the previous) in the estimated number of removal orders to be issued on unauthorized building works in this year?

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Kam-lam

Reply :

Since 2002, we have adopted an annual target of 25, 000 removal orders on unauthorized buildings works. This is considerably higher than previous targets. In 2002, the Buildings Department (BD) over-achieved the target by issuing 54, 010 orders. As a result, in 2003, BD has to follow up on a much larger number of orders that have been brought forward than in previous years, including taking prosecution action if necessary, to ensure their compliance. We consider that the normal target of 25, 000 new orders is appropriate for 2003.

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