

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2003-04  
**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
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Question :

The numbers of buildings targeted by the Buildings Department for clearance of unauthorised building works are 1 571 in 2001 and 1 759 in 2002. In this respect, can the Government state the reason why the number of buildings targeted by the Buildings Department for clearance of unauthorized building works has been substantially reduced to 1 000 in 2003-04?

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Wai-yip, Albert

Reply :

We have adopted an annual target of 900 buildings in 2001 and 1,000 buildings in 2002 for clearance of unauthorized building works (UBW). These targets are considerably higher than those in previous years. In 2001 and 2002, the Buildings Department (BD) over-achieved its targets and dealt with 1,571 and 1,759 buildings respectively. 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 target of 1,000 buildings for clearance of UBW is appropriate for 2003.

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