

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

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Question : It is stated that the Buildings Department will monitor the building quality of the newly-completed buildings this year. In this connection, what is the estimated expenditure for this? Please specify the details of the manpower and the measures involved.

Asked by : Hon. HO Chun-yan, Albert

Reply :

In 2003/04, the Buildings Department will deploy 157 professional staff and 75 technical staff for monitoring the quality of new buildings. The building control work for new developments includes vetting of building and structural plans, on-site audit checks to ensure building quality, and monitoring Authorised Persons, Registered Structural Engineers and Registered Contractors in the performance of their statutory duties and functions under the Buildings Ordinance.

The estimated expenditure in 2003/04 for monitoring the quality of the newly-completed buildings is \$140.2 million.

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