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Question : In 2003, the Planning Department intends to give 390 briefings on planning matters, which represents an increase of more than 60% over the figure of 2002. Please give the reasons for the significant increase in the number of briefings to be given and provide the information on the additional expenditures involved.

Asked by : Hon. LAU Wong-fat

Reply :

As compared to 2002, it is estimated that there will be an increase of about 150 briefings on planning matters in 2003. This mainly arises from the increasing number of briefings to be given to visiting groups to the Hong Kong Planning and Infrastructure Exhibition Gallery. The remaining increase is due to the anticipated number of briefings and consultation meetings on various town plans and development proposals to be conducted in 2003.

Apart from staff time, the additional expenditure for the increase in the number of briefings, involving mainly the production of additional information pamphlets and briefing documents will be about HK\$20,000, which is not substantial.

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