

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Question : As regards the key performance measures in respect of district planning, why :

- (a) is there a plummet in the estimated number of “objections to statutory plans processed” as compared with the financial year 2002-03?
- (b) is there a nil estimate for the number of “Town Planning Appeal Board cases handled” for 2003-04?

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Yuen-han

Reply :

- (a) It is difficult to predict accurately the number of objections to statutory plans processed by the Town Planning Board (TPB) as it is directly related to the contents of particular plans and the reactions received from the public. In 2001, the TPB received and gave preliminary consideration to over 3,000 objections in respect of the amendments to one single outline zoning plan. During the year 2002, the TPB also considered approximately 3,400 objections in respect of just two draft outline zoning plans. However, these are special cases which are not very common. If these special cases were set aside, there were only about 470 and 800 objections to statutory plans processed in 2001 and 2002, respectively. Assuming no highly controversial plans to be published in the year, we have estimated the number of objections to be processed in 2003 to be in the order of 1,500.
- (b) It is also difficult to predict accurately the number of Town Planning Appeal Board cases handled. Based on the latest information, the estimated number of Town Planning Appeal Board cases handled in 2003 is revised to 8.

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