

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2003-04

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Question : In 2003-04, how much resources will the Administration reserve to tackle unauthorized developments and other non-conforming land uses in the rural New Territories?

Asked by : Hon. WONG Yung-kan

Reply :

Planning enforcement action against unauthorized developments in the rural New Territories is undertaken by the Central Enforcement and Prosecution Section of the Planning Department. At present some 19 800 ha of land in the rural New Territories covered by 44 statutory town plans are subject to planning enforcement. In 2003-04, a total of 66 officers (including professional, technical and general grades staff) will be deployed on enforcement and prosecution work in the Section. A provision of \$35.23 million will be allocated for sustaining the efforts in enforcement against unauthorized developments.

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Director of Planning

Date _____

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