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Question : What are the reasons for the estimated number of “objections to statutory plans processed” in 2003 to drop to 1 500 from 3 469 and 6 368 objections processed by the Planning Department in 2001 and 2002, respectively?

Asked by : Hon. LI Ka-cheung, Eric

Reply :

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.

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