

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2004-05
**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

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Programme : Buildings and Building Works

Controlling Officer : Director of Buildings

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Question :

As stated in the Programme: Buildings and Building Works, the financial provision for Buildings and Building Works in 2004-05 will increase by 9.3%. What items of work will such increase be reflected on? Since the provision has been increased, can the target of increasing the number of unauthorised building works being removed be achieved as well?

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Wai-yip, Albert

Reply :

The increased financial provision of \$68.2 million (9.3% higher than the revised estimate for 2003-04) will be used for the following work:-

- (a) \$11.5 million for accelerating enforcement actions against unauthorised building works (UBW) and building repair;
- (b) \$31.3 million for clearing outstanding removal orders;
- (c) \$25.4 million for stepping up actions against drainage defects in private buildings and UBW in rear lanes and blackspots.

The above increased allocation together with the existing allocation should enable the Buildings Department to achieve the expected target on UBW removal set in the Estimates.

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