

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2004-05

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Question :

Regarding the time for processing building plans of new buildings, is the 60-day target applicable to both "approved applications" and "disapproved applications"? Can the Administration state the ratio between these two kinds of applications, and advise this Council the average time required for processing building plans of new buildings as well as the longest and shortest time required for processing them?

Asked by : Hon. CHOW LIANG Shuk-ye, Selina

Reply :

The 60-day target for processing building plans is applicable to new plan submissions. For plans which are disapproved and resubmitted for approval, such plans will be processed within a period of 30 days. An analysis of the new building plans approved in 2003 shows that the number of new building plans approved and disapproved expressed in terms of percentage of the total number of new building plans submitted are 62.6% and 37.4% respectively.

The average time for processing new building plan submissions in 2003 was 52.4 days, the longest being 60 days and shortest being 22 days.

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