

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2004-05  
**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
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Question :

It is expected that in 2004, the number of prosecutions against failures to comply with removal orders on unauthorized building works is 1,000, which is 46% higher than the actual numbers of last year. The Administration stated that this is a new target set for this year.

Please explain why the Administration sets this new target? Has the Administration conducted any evaluation on whether there is sufficient manpower to cope with the additional workload?

Asked by : Hon. IP Kwok-him

Reply :

To ensure a safe and healthy living environment, we have to step up enforcement actions against unauthorized building works including instigating prosecutions against failures to comply with removal orders particularly the long outstanding ones. The performance indicator for such prosecutions has thus been raised to 1,000 cases in 2004 with due consideration given to our objective and the available resources. We will cope with the increased workload through internal re-deployment of resources.

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