

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
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Programme : Buildings and Building Works

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Question :

Provision for 2004-05 is 9.3% higher than the revised estimate for 2003-04. The Administration asserts that this is mainly due to the additional provision for accelerating enforcement action on unauthorised building works, clearing outstanding removal orders and stepping up action on drainage defects in private buildings and unauthorised building works in rear lanes and blackspots. What are the financial provisions on the above works respectively?

Asked by : Hon. SHEK Lai-him, Abraham

Reply :

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

- (d) \$11.5million for accelerating enforcement action on unauthorised building works (UBW);
- (e) \$31.3million for clearing outstanding removal orders; and
- (f) \$25.4million for stepping up action on drainage defects in private buildings and unauthorised building works in rear lanes and blackspots.

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