

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

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Question :

During 2004-05, what is the estimated expenditure for the removal of unauthorised building works and rooftop structures as well as the removal or repair of advertisement signboards? As compared with the expenditure last year, what are the differences?

Asked by : Hon. TAM Yiu-chung

Reply :

Since 2001, the Buildings Department has been accelerating the removal of unauthorized building works (UBW), illegal rooftop structures (IRSs) and unauthorized signboards as part of the "Comprehensive Strategy for Building Safety and Timely Maintenance". The resources provided in 2003-04 and 2004-05 for the following items of work are:

Items of Work	2003-04	2004-05
1. Removal of UBW	\$129.0 million	\$158.0 million
2. Removal of IRSs	\$25.3 million	\$25.3 million
3. Removal of signboards	\$15.3 million	\$15.3 million

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