

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

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Head: 91 Lands Department

Subhead(No. & title): 842 Cleaning up of black spots in N.T. (block vote)

Programme: (1) Land Administration

Controlling Officer: Director of Lands

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Question: Owing to the disbandment of the Task Force (Black Spots) Team on 1 April 2004, the number of cases for clearance of environmental black spots on private and government land in the New Territories will drop sharply from 347 in last year to 44 in 2004.

After the disbandment of the Task Force (Black Spots) Team, will the work concerned be taken up by the District Lands Offices? Will the Administration set another indicator to evaluate the efficiency of the District Lands Offices in this aspect?

Asked by: Hon. IP Kwok-him

Reply:

The Task Force (Black Spots) Team, with funding up to 31 March 2004, has accomplished its mission of cleaning up the major environmental black spots in the New Territories. The indicator in 2004 pertains to the number of cases that would be completed by the Team in the first three months of 2004 prior to its disbandment on 1 April 2004. The residual work will be subsumed under the land administration work of the concerned District Lands Offices and subject to the existing key performance measures in respect of land administration.

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