

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2004-05  
**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
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Question: Given the rapid development of the New Territories, the number of lots defined or set out in 2003 was 2 991 while that in 2004 is estimated to be 3 000. Can the indicator concerned be adjusted upward so as to expedite the re-establishment of lot boundaries in the New Territories? If not, why?

Asked by: Hon. LAU Ping-cheung

Reply:

The number of lots defined or set out refers to surveys for land disposal, land allocation, land exchange, land resumption and small house developments in the whole territory. To set a realistic performance indicator, the estimated figure for 2004 is projected from actual figures in past years. The performance indicator also reflects the amount of work that can be undertaken with the available resources.

The re-establishment of lot boundaries in the New Territories may involve over 210 000 private lots held under the Block Government Leases. Currently, we have no plan to undertake a comprehensive re-survey of all the old schedule lots as this will require considerable time and huge resources.

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