

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

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Head: 91 Lands Department

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Question: Lands Department has set the target of processing 2 500 small house applications in the coming financial year. How many staff will be deployed to meet this target and what is the estimated expenditure? As compared with the past two financial years, has there been any manpower cut in this aspect? If yes, what is the total number of staff that have been cut?

Asked by: Hon. LAU Wong-fat

Reply:

To meet the target of processing 2 500 small house applications in 2004-05, 113 staff will be deployed for the relevant work. The annual expenditure involved is estimated to be \$38 million. There has been a reduction of two staff in the past two years due to the voluntary retirement scheme.

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