

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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Programme: (1) Land Administration

Controlling Officer: Director of Lands

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Question: How many small house applications are still awaiting processing? Will the Government provide more resources to deal with the backlog?

Asked by: Hon. WONG Yung-kan

Reply:

At present, 3 349 applications are on the waiting list, 7 040 cases are being processed and 1 710 cases have already been approved but the applicants failed to execute the relevant land documents. To expedite processing, we plan to introduce a new set of streamlined procedures with a view to shortening the waiting time and speeding up approval of straightforward cases.

Signature _____

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