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Question : Please advise why the number of “objections to statutory plans processed” by the Planning Department has increased from the actual figure of 191 cases in 2003-04 to the estimated figure of 750 cases in 2004-05, and what is the additional expenditure to be incurred as a result of the increase in workload?

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Yuen-han

Reply : Only 191 objections were processed in 2003 because less controversial issues were involved in the statutory plans gazetted in that year. Taking into account the number of statutory plans to be gazetted in 2004 and the nature of amendments, it is estimated that about 750 objections could be received but this is no more than a guesstimate at this stage.

The additional work generated will be absorbed by existing resources of the Department.

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_____ 24 March 2004 _____