

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2004-05

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
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Question : Please advise why the number of “Town Planning Appeal Board cases handled” by the Planning Department has increased from the actual figure of 5 cases in 2003-04 to the estimated figure of 15 cases in 2004-05, and what additional expenditure is to be incurred as a result of the increase in workload?

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Yuen-han

Reply : A total of 17 appeals (excluding those cases subsequently withdrawn on the appellants' accord) were received in 2003, the majority of which are related to applications for temporary open storage and port back-up uses and Small House developments in rural New Territories. Taking into account the outstanding cases yet to be heard by the Town Planning Appeal Board and the past trend, it is estimated that the number of appeals to be handled in 2004-05 could be about 15. The additional work will be absorbed by existing resources of the Department.

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