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Question : The Planning Department processed 6,368 cases of objection to statutory plans in 2002. Why were there only 191 cases in 2003, and the number of cases to be processed in 2004 estimated at 750 only?

Asked by : Hon. LI Ka-cheung, Eric

Reply :

Objections are processed under section 6(3), 6(6) and 6(8) of the Town Planning Ordinance. A total of 6,368 objections were processed in 2002 because large numbers of objections were received in respect of three Outline Zoning Plans (OZPs), namely the Wan Chai North OZP, Discovery Bay OZP and Ngau Chi Wan OZP, which involved issues of great local or community concern.

Only 191 objections were processed in 2003 because less controversial issues were involved in the 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.

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