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Question : In “ex-gratia payment assessment” under Indicators in paragraph 16, the area assessed for aquaculture fisheries ex-gratia payment is estimated to be 84,000 m² in 2005, representing an increase of 142% over 2004. What are the reasons for the sudden increase?

Asked by : Hon. FANG Kang, Vincent

Reply :

The area assessed for aquaculture fisheries ex-gratia payment varies from year to year depending on the number, scale and progress of development projects for the year. The larger area to be assessed in 2005 is mainly due to the anticipated claims from pond fish farmers affected by a number of land and drainage development works projects in the New Territories.

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