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Question : The number of claims assessed for capture fisheries ex-gratia payment is estimated to be 260 in 2005, representing a decrease of 60% over 2003 and 40% over 2004 respectively. What are the reasons for such drastic decreases?

Asked by : Hon. FANG Kang, Vincent

Reply :

The number of claims for capture fisheries ex-gratia payment varies from year to year depending on the number, scale and progress of coastal development projects for the year. The smaller number of claims to be processed in 2005 is mainly due to the decrease in the number of marine works projects in recent years and that most of the claims from fishermen affected by previous marine works projects had been processed.

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