

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2005-06
**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Question :

As regards the target of "Existing buildings", the Buildings Department was not entirely able to advise on restaurant licence applications within 14 days over the past two years. What were the reasons? Was any shortage of manpower involved?

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply :

The planned performance target set by BD for 2003 and 2004 was 95%. The achievement rates delivered by BD were 94% and 95% respectively. While we will endeavour to achieve a 100% target, we have set our planned performance target for 2005 at 95%.

According to past experience, longer processing time is required for cases where the premises were not available for inspection by BD staff. Cases of a more complicated nature requiring re-inspection or further research of building records also require a longer processing time. Manpower resource is thus not an issue.

Signature

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Director of Buildings

4 April 2005

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