

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Head : 82 Buildings Department Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : Buildings and Building Works

Controlling Officer : Director of Buildings

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Housing, Planning and Lands

Question :

In 2005-06, the Buildings Department will continue to assist the Home Affairs Department in the clearance of environmental hygiene blackspots. Please provide details regarding the works, the expenditure and the manpower requirements.

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply :

In 2005-06, we will continue to collaborate with relevant departments including Home Affairs Department to tackle the environmental hygiene problems in 87 hygiene blackspots under Phase III of the Blackspots Clearance Operation. We will issue orders to remove unauthorised building works and repair defective drain pipes.

In 2005-06, we have sought additional resources of about \$15.2 million to employ contract staff to assist the existing staff of BD and staff from the Housing Authority (HA) in the timely completion of the above tasks. As the existing staff in BD and the staff from the HA are also responsible for other enforcement tasks in addition to the clearance of environmental hygiene blackspots, it is not possible to provide a breakdown of the departmental staff resources deployed for the clearance operation in these blackspots.

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Director of Buildings

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