## Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2005-06

## CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

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## <u>Question</u>:

The Buildings Department (BD) has mentioned that it would "assist the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department in the implementation of the Team Clean's measures for food business premises" in 2005-06. Can the Administration elaborate on the details of this item of work, its expenditure and manpower involved?

Asked by: Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

## Reply:

To tackle the problem of unauthorised building works (UBWs) in food business premises, Team Clean has recommended that the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) should refuse the issue or transfer of licences if there are UBWs attached to or extending from the food business premises under application. In this connection, food business operators are required by FEHD to appoint building professionals to certify that their premises are cleared of UBWs. To assist in its implementation, we have drawn up guidelines for building professionals to follow and will carry out audit checks on their certification.

We will initially deploy one Building Surveyor and one Survey Officer for the work using in-house resources. We will monitor the situation and review whether any additional resources are required after a period of implementation of the scheme.

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