

**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 :

The estimated performance indicator in 2005 of dilapidated buildings turns out to be lower than the actual workload generated in 2003-04. Can the Administration state the reason why? Will the Administration consider upgrading the relevant indicators so as to encourage full play to the efficiency that it should have?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Wong-fat

Reply :

Following the outbreak of SARS in 2003, we arranged for the inspection of the external drain pipes for all private buildings, and issued a large number of repair orders on defective external drainage pipes detected. As a result, there was a sharp increase in the number of repair orders issued in 2003 and dilapidated buildings subsequently repaired in 2004. Performance targets are set at achievable level having regard to past experience, resources required and the work programme of the Department. We expect that the number of repair orders to be issued and dilapidated buildings to be repaired in 2005 will return to a level similar to earlier years.

Signature

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Director of Buildings

6 April 2005