

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2005-06

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
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Question :

Regarding the Comprehensive Building Safety Improvement Loan Scheme, what were the numbers of applications received, granted and rejected respectively each year during the last three years? What were the categories of work items and the amount of loans involved?

Asked by : Hon. LI Fung-ying

Reply:

The information requested on the Comprehensive Building Safety Improvement Loan Scheme is provided in the Appendix.

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AppendixComprehensive Building Safety Improvement Loan Scheme(1) Number of loan applications **received** and the loan amount requested from 2002 to 2004

Type of Works	2002		2003		2004	
	Number of Loan Applications Received	Loan Amount Requested (\$ m)	Number of Loan Applications Received	Loan Amount Requested (\$ m)	Number of Loan Applications Received	Loan Amount Requested (\$ m)
(I) Building repair & other improvement works	2,862	85.68	2,436	91.47	2,547	72.31
(II) Clearance of unauthorised building works (UBW)	546	22.89	375	14.60	249	10.27
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,408</b>	<b>108.57</b>	<b>2,811</b>	<b>106.07</b>	<b>2,796</b>	<b>82.58</b>

(2) Number of loan applications **approved** and the loan amount granted from 2002 to 2004

Type of Works	2002		2003		2004	
	Number of Loan Applications Approved	Loan Amount Granted (\$ m)	Number of Loan Applications Approved	Loan Amount Granted (\$ m)	Number of Loan Applications Approved	Loan Amount Granted (\$ m)
(I) Building repair & other improvement works	2,374	67.63	2,274	67.97	2,210	61.30
(II) Clearance of UBW	456	16.26	314	9.79	229	7.62
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,830</b>	<b>83.89</b>	<b>2,588</b>	<b>77.76</b>	<b>2,439</b>	<b>68.92</b>

(3) Number of loan applications **rejected** and the loan amount involved from 2002 to 2004

Type of Works	2002		2003		2004	
	Number of Loan Applications Rejected	Loan Amount Involved (\$ m)	Number of Loan Applications Rejected	Loan Amount Involved (\$ m)	Number of Loan Applications Rejected	Loan Amount Involved (\$ m)
(I) Building repair & other improvement works	85	3.03	87	3.93	53	3.02
(II) Clearance of UBW	31	2.46	0	0	5	0.45
<b>Total</b>	<b>116 (462)*</b>	<b>5.49</b>	<b>87 (136)*</b>	<b>3.93</b>	<b>58 (299)*</b>	<b>3.47</b>

\* Figure in ( ) indicates no. of applications that had been withdrawn by applicants.