

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2005-06  
**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

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Question : Regarding land management, as the task force (black spots) team was disbanded on 1 April 2004, the number of cases of clearance of environmental black spots on private and government land in the New Territories is no longer indicated in the estimated figure for 2005. Who will then be responsible for this task in future? Or does it mean that the Government will no longer be responsible for clearing environmental black spots?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Hok-ming

Reply:

Following the disbandment of the task force (black spots) team on 1 April 2004, the residual work has been subsumed into the land administration work of the relevant District Lands Offices (DLOs) of the Department and their work is reflected under the respective key performance measures set out in the Controlling Officer's Report. In this regard, action taken by the DLOs in 2004 included clearing illegal hillside cultivation, grass cutting, leveling of holes and removal of rubbish from fenced government land sites under its charge to eliminate breeding grounds of mosquitoes. DLOs also participated in "Team Clean" work coordinated by the District Offices of the Home Affairs Department. We will continue our efforts as a matter of priority in 2005.

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