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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
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Question : The Government has made public announcements claiming that it will expedite the processing of small house applications. Nevertheless, the target figure planned for in the budget remains unchanged at 2 300 cases. Why?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Hok-ming

Reply:

We have formulated a set of revised procedures aiming at expediting the processing of small house applications and are consulting the Heung Yee Kuk (the Kuk). As the consultation with the Kuk is still ongoing, and the revised procedures have not yet been implemented, the target planned for 2005 is set at 2 300. We will keep this target under regular review and consider adjusting it in the light of the outcome of consultations with the Kuk.

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