

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

Reply Serial No.

HPLB(PL)069

Question Serial No.

0092

Head: 91 Lands Department

Subhead(No. & title):

Programme: (1) Land Administration

Controlling Officer: Director of Lands

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Housing, Planning and Lands

Question : Regarding the target "Lease modifications (non small house cases)", why did Lands Department fail to issue letters of reply to all applications within three weeks in the past two years? Was this because of a shortage in manpower?

Asked by: Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply:

The achievement ratios in 2003 and 2004 were 97% and 99% respectively. Having regard to the varied nature of lease modifications, it is inevitable that more time was required for some cases which were particularly complicated in nature, or where the land titles submitted by the applicants were not clear. In 2004, out of a total of 109 modification and land exchange applications received, only one case was not processed within the three-week target.

Signature _____

Name in block letters PATRICK L C LAU

Post Title Director of Lands

Date 1 April 2005

[TOP](#)