

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2005-06  
**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
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Question : As shown under the "Land management" item, the task force (black spots) team was disbanded in 2004, therefore no indicator for 2005 under "clearance of environmental black spots on private and government land in N.T." is listed. However, for matters requiring special attention in 2005-06, the Lands Department has stated that it will continue to clean up sites under its charge for eliminating the breeding grounds of mosquitoes. Have, or have not the duties of the task force been transferred to other departments after its disbandment? If not, please advise us of the Lands Department's programme for the clearance of environmental black spots in 2005.

Asked by: Hon. LEE Wing-tat

Reply:

Upon 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.

In 2004-05, to help eliminate breeding grounds of mosquitoes, the Department conducted 2 343 grass cuttings for fenced government sites under its charge. The Department also cleared 174 illegal cultivation spots on hillsides throughout the territory. DLOs also participated in "Team Clean" work coordinated by the District Offices of the Home Affairs Department. These actions will continue to be undertaken by DLOs as a matter of priority in 2005-06.

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