

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

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Programme : (2) District Planning
(4) Town Planning Information Services

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Question : In 2004, the performance targets for services under Programme 2 and Programme 4, including consideration of applications for amendments to statutory plans, applications for minor amendments to approved schemes and answering public enquiries, are 100%. However, the performance targets for these services in 2005 are reduced to 90-95%. This is against the objective of the 2005-06 Budget in improving the business environment. Will the Government raise the performance targets? What will be the resource implications for shortening the time pledged for undertaking the subject services for one week?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Sau-shing, Patrick

Reply :

The target achievement rates for carrying out the subject services in 2005 are 90% to 95%, which are the same as those for both 2003 and 2004. Hence, there is no reduction of target achievement rates in 2005 as compared to 2003 and 2004.

Although the actual achievement rates for undertaking these services were between 97% - 100% in both 2003 and 2004, the target achievement rates of 90% to 95% are retained for the subject services in 2005. A more modest performance target is set because there will be new planning procedures and practices under the Town Planning (Amendment) Ordinance 2004 (the Ordinance), which would be very different from the existing procedures and practices.

Having said the above, setting a more modest target does not mean that we would not try to better perform, as illustrated by our efforts and achievements in the past two years.

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