

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2006-07  
**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
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Question : The numbers of warning notices issued against unauthorised building works in 2006 are anticipated to be 8 000, which is 2.66 times the numbers of warning notices actually issued in 2005. What is the expenditure intended to be spent in issuing warning notices in 2006? As compared with the actual expenses in 2005, what is the rate of increase? And, what is the intended number of staff that will be assigned to handle unauthorized building works in 2006?

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Wai-yip, Albert

Reply :

Issuing warning notices is a new measure introduced in 2005, upon commencement of the Buildings (Amendment) Ordinance 2004, to tackle unauthorised building works (UBWs). In 2006, a total of 667 professional and technical officers (with an annual cost of \$205.88 million) are deployed to investigate and take enforcement actions on UBWs and dilapidated buildings including issuing removal and repair orders or warning notices. There is no significant change in the annual cost involved in this area of work as compared with that in 2005. However, as issuing warning notices forms only part of the duties of these BD staff, we are unable to break down the expenditures specifically on issuing warning notices.

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