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Question : As regards the target under existing buildings, the existing building records will be available for public viewing within ten days. However, only 94% of the cases could meet the targets in 2004 and 2005 and will meet the target in 2006-07 respectively. What are the reasons for not meeting the targets and what improvement measures will be taken by the Administration?

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Reply :

While we will endeavour to achieve the 100% target, we have set our planned performance targets for 2004 and 2005 at 93% and 94% respectively. In 2004 and 2005, BD achieved actual performance rates of 94% and 94.5% respectively which were slightly higher than the planned targets. In view of the actual performance in the past year i.e. 94.5%, the planned performance target set for 2006 remains unchanged at 94%.

For some cases, the handling time took longer than 10 working days. This was mainly because the required paper-based building records were being kept for viewing by another applicant or government user and/or the manual retrieval of the paper-based records had caused occasional misplacement of records.

To address the problems which may cause the handling time to exceed 10 working days and to further enhance the viewing and copying service for building records, funding was approved in July 2003 for the installation of a computerized Building Records Management System (BRMS) in our Building Information Centre (BIC). The BRMS can provide instant inspection and copying service of building records in electronic form to members of the public. It also allows concurrent access to the same building record by more than one user, thus improving the performance in meeting the 10-day target. To take a further step forward, funding was approved in September 2003 for the development of a web-based retrieval system of the electronic building records to enable the public to gain access to the building records round-the-clock through the internet at their own premises. The web-based retrieval system is now being developed and is expected to be launched later this year.

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