

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2006-07
**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

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Question : It is estimated that the number of small house applications to be processed in 2006-07 is 2 300, slightly less than the actual number of cases processed in last year. Please advise this Council of: (a) the number of applications among those processed in 2005 that fulfilled the eligibility criteria, and the actual number of applications already executed; (b) the number of applications that are expected to be successfully approved in 2006-07; and (c) the average time needed to process a successful application.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Hok-ming

Reply:

- (a) Of the 2 310 new cases processed in 2005, 1 877 met the eligibility criteria under the Small House Policy and 433 were rejected. The actual number of cases executed in 2005 was 930.
- (b) The estimated number of cases likely to be executed in 2006 is around 900.
- (c) The time required for processing a case from commencement of processing to execution generally ranges from one to four years, depending on the complexity of the case concerned.

Signature _____

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