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Question : It is mentioned under Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2006-07 that the Lands Department will continue to explore measures to speed up the processing of small house applications. What are the details of the said measures?

Asked by:    Hon. LEE Wing-tat

Reply:

Problems commonly encountered in the processing of small house applications are usually associated with issues such as the requirement for provision of Emergency Vehicular Access (EVA), "fung shui", local objections, pollution of the environment, etc. In 2006, we will focus on identifying solutions to these problems. In this regard, we are exploring with Heung Yee Kuk (HYK) a mechanism for resolving local objections. A Working Group led by Housing, Planning and Lands Bureau with representatives from HYK has also been formed to review the guidelines regarding the EVA requirements.

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