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Question: The Lands Department has the target of issuing letter of offer of provisional basic terms/rejection/indicating in-principle agreement within 24 weeks from receipt of application for lease modification to non small house cases. However, its actual performance indicates that this target was not met in 2004 and 2005. Why?

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Reply:

The shortfall of 4% for both 2004 and 2005 in the target was due to longer processing time required for cases which were more complicated and involved local objections, site constraints etc.

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