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Question :

Regarding the indicators for removal orders issued under “unauthorised building works”, the number of removal orders issued was reduced drastically from over 32 000 in 2006 to the estimated 25 000 in 2007. What are the reasons for the drastic reduction?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Hok-ming

Reply :

The actual and estimated performance indicators for 2006 and 2007 in respect of removal orders issued are as follows:

Indicator	2006 (Actual)	2006 and 2007 (Estimate)
Removal orders issued	32 711	25 000

The estimated number of removal orders issued are the same for 2006 and 2007. When considering the estimate for 2007, we have taken into account the actual performance and experience in both 2005 and 2006. Apart from staff efforts in enforcement action, the actual performance depends on a number of factors, including the number of unauthorised structures existing in the buildings targeted for enforcement action. The Buildings Department will do its best and will not be bound by the estimated performance indicator.

Signature _____

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