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Question :

Under this Programme, the Buildings Department has set the performance target for “making existing building records available for public viewing within nine working days” at 100%. However, the target could not be achieved in 2005 and 2006. It is noted that the Department has lowered the planned target for 2007 to 94%. What were the main reasons for not achieving the targets in 2005 and 2006?

Asked by : Hon. LEONG Kah-kit, Alan

Reply :

Concerning the target for “making existing building records available for public viewing within nine working days”, whilst we will endeavour to achieve a 100% target, we have set our planned performance target for 2005 and 2006 at 94% in the light of past experience. In 2005 and 2006, the Buildings Department achieved actual performance rates of 94.5% and 96% respectively, which are slightly higher than the planned target. In view of the actual performance rates of the past years, the planned performance target for 2007 remains unchanged at 94%.

The handling time for some cases was longer than the pledged target, mainly because the required paper-based building records were being viewed by other applicants or government users.

[Note : Since the implementation of the five-day week programme on 1 July 2006, the pledged target for “making existing building records available for public viewing” has been revised from within ten to within nine working days.]

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