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Question :

Regarding the indicator for “Comprehensive Building Safety Improvement Loan Scheme”, in 2005, 2 647 loan applications were processed and 2 486 were approved, representing a success rate of about 93.9%; in 2006, 2 616 applications were processed and 2 342 were approved, representing a success rate of about 89.5%. Please give the reasons for the increase in the number of applications that were not approved.

Asked by : Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply :

In 2005 and 2006, under the “Comprehensive Building Safety Improvement Loan Scheme”, there were 21 and 164 applications not approved respectively. These loan applications were rejected because the applicants did not meet the loan eligibility criteria or provide the necessary information for consideration. The reason for the increase in the number of applications which were not approved in 2006 is mainly attributed to one building repair project involving 100 loan applications from the owners of the subject building, where information on the cost of the repair work has not yet been provided for processing because the owners intend to re-tender the repair works.

Signature _____

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