

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2007-08

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Question :

In 2006, 45.4 cases of town plans, planning briefs, public and private development proposals and planning applications were actually dealt with per post of the Civil Engineering and Development Department. Why is the estimated number of cases to be handled in 2007 substantially reduced by 13% to 39.5?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Wong-fat

Reply :

There was a surge of requests for examination of private development proposals and planning applications in 2006 which led to the unusually high number of cases handled in the year. It is estimated that the number will return to a normal level in 2007.

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