

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2007-08

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

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Question: The estimated number of lease enforcement cases for 2007 is 1 080, representing an increase of 22% over the actual figure of 883 for 2006. What are the reasons for the increase? What is the amount of additional expenditure involved? Will it require additional manpower? If not, by what means can the estimated target be achieved?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Hok-ming

Reply:

In 2006, lease enforcement actions were taken in 883 cases against an estimate of 1 080. In 2007-08, with the redeployment of additional staff from existing resources to set up a dedicated team on lease enforcement and land control work, the Lands Department will strive to achieve the target of 1 080 cases. This dedicated team comprises 14 staff with an annual salary expenditure of about \$6.1 million.

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