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Question: In response to the case of "Short Term Tenancy at Kwun Yam Shan", the Department put forward a series of recommendations for improvement to the Panel on Planning, Lands and Works of the Legislative Council in September 2006. Please advise:

- 1) the financial implication of implementating the relevant measures in 2006-07, the number of staff involved and their posts, and the effectiveness of the measures so far; and
- 2) any additional resources allocated by the Department to implement the above improvement measures in 2007-08, the amount involved, the number of staff involved and their posts, as well as their work target.

Asked by: Hon. KWOK Ka-ki

Reply:

- 1) Most of the measures of improving the management of short term tenancies have been implemented by re-deploying existing staff in the District Lands Offices and re-prioritising their work. It is too early to gauge the result of the improvement measures, especially when some of these measures are targetted at new tenancies. We will keep the effectiveness of the measures in view and seek to improve our work as necessary.
- 2) Lands D is considering the feasibility of outsourcing some or all of the short term tenancy management work. A new Senior Estate Surveyor post will be created in 2007-08 to examine and formulate a detailed action plan covering the management of outsourced contracts if implemented.

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