

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2007-08

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Question : For the indicator on objections/representations to statutory plans processed, the estimated number for 2007 increases more than five-fold over the actual number for 2006. Please account for the huge increase in the number of cases.

Asked by : Hon. LI Kwok-ying

Reply :

With the commencement in mid 2005 of the Town Planning (Amendment) Ordinance 2004 providing for more and bigger scope for public participation and growing public awareness in the importance of planning, there has been a substantial increase of views and representations made to the Town Planning Board. We expect this trend to continue.

In 2007, we will be completing the planning work for developments at Kai Tak, Wanchai Development Phase II and several major URA schemes which are of territorial significance and are likely to attract wide community interest.

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