

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
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Question : In 2006, work on enforcement and prosecution against unauthorised developments continued, with 1 248 enforcement notices issued, and 107 defendants in respect of 36 cases successfully convicted. Does the Department have any plan to review the situation so as to strengthen the enforcement in 2007? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by : Hon. SHEK Lai-him, Abraham

Reply :

With new enforcement provisions enacted under the Town Planning (Amendment) Ordinance 2004, our enforcement powers have been strengthened. We have stepped up enforcement actions against unauthorised developments resulting in more prosecutions being taken. We will continue to be vigilant and in the light of the experience gained review our enforcement procedures with a view to enhancing the efficiency and effectiveness of our enforcement action.

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