

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2007-08
**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

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Head : 91 Lands Department

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Question: The number of small house cases processed by the Lands Department maintains at around 2 000 every year. This has generated a substantial backlog. Does the Government have any plans to allocate more resources in this respect in order to improve the situation?

Asked by: Hon. LAM Wai-keung, Daniel

Reply:

The Lands Department (Lands D) has pledged to process 2 300 applications per year and reduce the waiting time for commencing the processing of all new applications to not exceeding one year. In order to reduce the backlog, the Lands D has increased, through internal redeployment, the number of staff from 104 in 2005-06 to 121 in 2006-07 for processing small house applications.

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