

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2008-09
**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

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Head : 82 Buildings Department Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme: Buildings and Building Works

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Question :

Of the various key performance measures on new buildings, the Administration has planned to attain 100% performance rate for all measures in 2008. In this connection, will the Administration give details of the measures to be taken to expedite the approval process of new building plan submissions if the additional 5.2% provision is allocated, including how much additional manpower and resources will be provided for the processing work in order to implement the proposals to expedite the approval process as recommended in an efficiency enhancement review which was conducted in response to the contents of the Policy Address?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Sau-shing, Patrick

Reply :

The Buildings Department will utilise its existing manpower resources to explore measures to further enhance the efficiency of the building plan approval process. The Department has been allocated adequate resources to achieve its performance targets and will closely monitor its plan processing system to ensure smooth operation.

Among the additional provision for 2008-09, part of the provision is for the setting up of a dedicated team on heritage conservation to process building plan submissions involving alteration and adaptive re-use of heritage buildings.

Signature _____

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