

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

Controlling Officer: Director of Buildings

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Development

Question :

In 2008-09, the Buildings Department will complete an interim review on the operation of the joint office with the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department to handle public complaints about water seepage problems. What is the progress of the review? Has it achieved the effectiveness as expected? Will consideration be given to extending the work districts of the joint office? If yes, please provide the programme details, expenditure required and staff establishment involved.

Asked by : Hon. LEE Kok-long, Joseph

Reply :

Since July 2006, the Buildings Department (BD) and the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department have extended the operation of the pilot Joint Office (JO) to handle public complaints about water seepage problems to the whole territory under a three-year programme. The JO has commenced a mid-term review on the effectiveness of the programme for the first 18 months of operation. The review will be completed shortly and we will refine the operation of the JO as appropriate, taking into consideration the findings of the review.

Signature _____

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Date 28 March 2008