

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 :

Under the Comprehensive Building Safety Improvement Loan Scheme, what are the main reasons for not approving the loan applications? Will the Buildings Department offer other assistance? What is the expenditure involved?

Asked by : Hon. LEE Kok-long, Joseph

Reply :

Under the Comprehensive Building Safety Improvement Loan Scheme, loan applications are rejected mainly because of the applicants' not meeting the loan eligibility criteria or failing to provide the necessary information for consideration. Apart from financial assistance under the above loan scheme, the Buildings Department also offers social service assistance to building owners in need as and when necessary. Such work will be outsourced to non-government social service organisations at an estimated cost of \$5.2 million for 2008-09.

Signature _____

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Post Title Director of Buildings _____

Date 19 March 2008 _____