

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2008-09
**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Head : 82 Buildings Department Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme: Buildings and Building Works

Controlling Officer: Director of Buildings

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Question :

One of the targets of the Buildings Department is to promote proper maintenance of drainage works. After the outbreak of Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome, what is the progress of work by the Buildings Department in assisting private building owners and operators at hygiene blackspots to carry out drainage repair works? What follow-up actions have been taken on the building repair orders?

Asked by : Hon. LEE Kok-long, Joseph

Reply :

During the outbreak of Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome in 2003, the Buildings Department organised a territory-wide inspection programme of external drainage systems of some 30 000 private residential buildings and thereafter followed up with the enforcement of repair of drainage defects identified in 6 000 of these buildings. Most of the building owners have carried out the improvement or repair works voluntarily. For the remaining cases, we have issued drainage repair orders to the owners of some 2 373 buildings. While the required repair orders for 2 351 buildings have been complied with, repair works in the remaining 22 buildings are in progress.

For the clearance of district hygiene black-spots, we have issued drainage repair orders to the owners of 294 buildings. While the required repair works have been completed for 283 buildings, repair works in the remaining 11 buildings are in progress.

We will continue with the outstanding enforcement actions.

Signature _____

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Date 25 March 2008 _____