

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 :

Regarding the handling of reports against unauthorised building works and dilapidated buildings received from members of the public, does the Administration have adequate resources to attend to 95% of the reports upon receipt for issuing warning notices, removal orders or repair orders within the specified time limit, and for instigating prosecutions against failure to comply with the removal orders within the specified time limit?

Asked by : Hon. LEE Wing-tat

Reply :

Regarding the investigation of non-emergency reports on unauthorised building works (UBWs) and dilapidation of buildings, the Buildings Department (BD) has pledged to screen and/or inspect 95% to 100% of the different types of the reports within different specified time frames. The BD achieved all the concerned performance targets set for the year 2007. Adequate resources will be provided for the BD to carry out enforcement actions under the proposed targets in the coming year.

Signature _____

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Date 20 March 2008