

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2010-11

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Question :

As mentioned in "Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2010-11", the Government will continue to assist owners of dilapidated buildings to conduct repair works. In this connection, will the Government inform this Committee:

- (a) in each of the five years from 2005-06 to 2009-10, regarding the applications for the Comprehensive Building Safety Improvement Loan Scheme (CBSILS), what were the numbers of applications, the numbers of approved applications and the amounts of loans involved in the respective categories of repair and removal cases?
- (b) among the applications for the CBSILS, what were the numbers of cases with repair orders and removal orders issued by the Buildings Department? What were the respective percentages of these cases in the total numbers of repair and removal applications, numbers of applications that have been granted with loans, percentages they represent in the total number of approved applications, amounts of loans granted, and percentages these amounts represent in the total amount of loans in the respective categories of repair and removal cases?

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Reply :

- (a) During the past five years from 2005-06 to 2009-10 (up to 8 March 2010), the number of loan applications received and approved under the Comprehensive Building Safety Improvement Loan Scheme (CBSILS) and the amount of loan approved are tabulated as follows -

Year	Loan applications received		Loan applications approved		Amount of loan approved (\$million)	
	Building repair	Removal of UBWs*	Building repair	Removal of UBWs*	Building repair	Removal of UBWs*
2005-06	2 514	182	2 001	132	59.01	5.34
2006-07	2 180	153	1 551	106	49.32	4.24
2007-08	1 750	83	1 274	62	40.77	2.49
2008-09	2 245	89	1 686	61	59.68	2.67
2009-10	1 745	65	1 211	50	55.70	4.65

* “UBWs” denotes unauthorised building works.

(b) Against the information provided in (a) above, the corresponding number and percentage of the loan applications approved and the corresponding loan amount approved for building repair works or removal of UBWs with statutory orders issued by the Buildings Department (BD) for the past five years from 2005-06 to 2009-10 (up to 8 March 2010) are listed in the following table -

Year	Loan applications received (with orders)		Loan applications approved (with orders)		Amount of loan approved (with orders) (\$million)	
	Building repair	Removal of UBWs	Building repair	Removal of UBWs	Building repair	Removal of UBWs
2005-06	2 366	173	1 887	125	55.39	5.10
	(94.11%)	(95.05%)	(94.30%)	(94.70%)	(93.87%)	(95.51%)
2006-07	2 025	148	1 458	101	46.58	3.99
	(92.89%)	(96.73%)	(94.0%)	(95.28%)	(94.44%)	(94.10%)
2007-08	1 332	79	944	60	30.22	2.46
	(76.11%)	(95.18%)	(74.10%)	(96.77%)	(74.12%)	(98.80%)

2008-09	1 856 (82.67%)	86 (96.63%)	1 447 (85.82%)	60 (98.36%)	54.87 (91.94%)	2.65 (99.25%)
2009-10	1 412 (80.92%)	58 (89.23%)	952 (78.61%)	46 (92.0%)	43.69 (78.44%)	4.09 (87.96%)

Note : Figures in brackets represent the percentages of (i) loan applications received, (ii) loan applications approved, and (iii) loan amount approved for building repair works or removal of UBWs with statutory orders issued by the BD, out of the corresponding total number of loan applications received and approved and the total amount of loan approved for the respective years.

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