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Question (Member Question No. 14):

Of the 390 new building proposals expected to be approved by the Department in 2013, only 184 proposals were approved, accounting for merely 47% of the estimation. What were the causes of such a difference? Furthermore, what were the number of applications for approval of new building proposals received and the number of those approved by the Administration in 2013?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Hak-kan

Reply:

The estimate for new building proposals to be approved in 2013 was premised on the expected increase in the number of applications for approval of new building proposal arising from increase in land supply for private developments. However, the actual number of applications for approval is outside the control of the Buildings Department and is affected by factors such as the time frame set by and/or required for the owners to finalise a building proposal, the complexity and design considerations of individual development projects, and the timing for submitting a building proposal for approval.

The actual numbers of new building proposals received and approved in 2013 are 317 and 184 respectively.