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Question:

Building Safety Loan Scheme provides loans to individual owners of private buildings who may wish to obtain financial assistance in carrying out maintenance and repair works to reinstate or improve the safety conditions of their buildings and/or private slopes. Regarding the loan scheme, what were the numbers of applications received, the total amount of financial assistance involved, the numbers of buildings benefited, the duration between submission of application and release of loan in general, the numbers of applications rejected, and the general reasons for rejection in each of the past three years?

Asked by: Hon LEE Wai-king, Starry (Member Question No. 19)

Reply:

In the past three years, the number of applications received, the number of applications approved, the total amount of financial assistance approved and the number of buildings benefited under the Building Safety Loan Scheme are tabulated as follows:

Year	Number of applications received	Number of applications approved	Total amount of financial assistance approved ($million)	Number of buildings benefited
2014	1 827	1 516	117.6	242
2015	1 246	722	42.8	222
2016	998	1 016	71.1	266

Approved loans will be released to the applicants based on the progress of works and submission of corresponding certification. In 2014, 2015 and 2016, the average duration between submission of application and release of loan were about 13 months, 11 months and 8 months respectively.

In 2014, 2015 and 2016, the numbers of applications rejected were 3, 32 and 8 respectively. The major reason for the rejections was that the applicants did not provide the required information.

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