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Question:

In respect of the Building Safety Loan Scheme, the number of loan applications approved and the total amount of loans committed for 2021 has increased to 350 and \$28 million respectively, partly due to enhanced enforcement action against defective drainage system arising from COVID-19. Will the Department inform this Committee of the details on the relevant drainage systems, including the number of cases on a year-on-year basis, as well as the highest, the lowest and the average loan amounts approved?

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-fai (LegCo internal reference no.: 23)

Reply:

The estimates for applications processed, approved and amount of loans committed for 2021 being higher than the actual ones in 2020 are due to the slowdown of building maintenance works in the market in 2020 under COVID-19, which are expected to pick up gradually in 2021. The Buildings Department does not compile statistics on the amount of approved loans deployed to drainage repair works under the Building Safety Loan Scheme.

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