

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2004-05  
**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
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Question : Why does the number of asbestos abatement plans processed increase significantly from 157 in 2003 to an estimated no. of 300 in 2004?

Asked by : Hon. CHOY So-yuk

Reply : The estimated increase is due to a school asbestos survey programme under which the Architectural Services Department and Housing Department will, according to their current plans, conduct 150 asbestos surveys for schools in 2004. Hence, we estimate that the Environmental Protection Department will receive a total of around 300 asbestos abatement plans in 2004.

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