

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2003-04
**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

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Programme : 6201 - Squatter and Temporary Housing Clearance
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Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Housing, Planning and Lands
(Housing)

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Question : The number of people rehoused as a result of programmed squatter and unauthorised rooftop structure clearances or emergency clearances following natural disasters is estimated to increase from 2 400 in 2002 to 9 400 in 2003. Please advise this Council of the reason for the substantial increase and its staffing and financial implications.

Asked by : HON. NG Leung-sing

Reply : The increase in the estimated number of people to be rehoused from 2 400 in 2002 to 9 400 in 2003 is based on anticipated demands of on-going and postponed clearance projects. The Housing Department will absorb the additional workload within the existing staff establishment and budget provision.

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