

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Head : 62 Housing Department Subhead :

Programme : Squatter Clearance and Squatter Control

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Housing, Planning and Lands (Housing)

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Housing, Planning and Lands

Question : It is stated in the programme that during 2004-05, the Housing Department (HD) will continue the work on control and prevention of dengue fever in squatter areas in the New Territories (NT). On this, please provide:

- (1) details of the work; and
- (2) the staffing establishment and expenditure involved in the work and the percentage of this establishment in the existing manpower setup.

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply : (1) The Housing Department will implement the following measures to assist in control and prevention of dengue fever in squatter areas in the New Territories:

- (a) eradicating potential mosquito breeding spots, such as containers with stagnant water, during squatter control patrols;
 - (b) reporting mosquito "black spots" to the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department;
 - (c) disseminating information and publicity materials on mosquito control and prevention of dengue fever;
 - (d) proper disposal of building debris, refuse and abandoned articles in clearance operations and demolition of illegal squatter structures.
- (2) The workload will be absorbed within the existing staff establishment and budget provision of the Housing Department.

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