

**Replies to written questions raised by Finance Committee Members in
examining the Draft Estimates of Expenditure 2001-02**

[Bureau Secretary/Controlling Officer : Secretary for Planning and Lands]

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PLB001

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0270

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION

Head : 43-Civil Engineering Department Subhead (No. & title) : 7299CL-
Tsuen Wan Bay Further Reclamation
5236CL - Tai O Development, package 4,
Stage II Engineering Works

Programme : (2) Port and Marine Facilities

Controlling Officer : Director of Civil Engineering

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Planning and Lands

Question : Please advise on the progress of the design work for the Tang Lung Chau Dangerous Goods Anchorage and the Tai O Boat Anchorage, and the planned commencement dates of the construction of these works.

Asked by : Hon WONG Yung-kan

Reply : The proposed Tang Lung Chau Dangerous Goods Anchorage (DGA) is part of the Tsuen Wan Bay Further Reclamation project. In the project, we propose to relocate the Tsuen Wan Bay DGA to Tang Lung Chau. The Government is considering how best to take forward the project and will consult the Legislative Council, the relevant district councils and fishermen associations in due course.

We have started the detailed design work for the proposed Tai O Sheltered Boat Anchorage, using in-house resources. The project was gazetted on 1.12.2000 under Foreshore and Sea-bed (Reclamations) Ordinance. We have received 21 letters of objection and 7 letters of concern. We are consulting with the objectors with a view to resolving their concerns. We hope to commence construction in 2002/03.

Signature

Name in block letters Dr. LAU CHING-KWONG

Post Title Director of Civil Engineering

Date 14 March 2001

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Bureau Serial No.

PLB002

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1265

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 43-Civil Engineering Department Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (3) Site Formation and Reclamation

Controlling Officer : Director of Civil Engineering

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Planning and Lands

Question : The aim, content, estimated expenditure and programme of the Land Contamination Study in North Tsing Yi ?

Asked by : Hon LAU Chin-shek

Reply : The Land Contamination Study for reclamation works in North Tsing Yi is to investigate the extent and degree of land contamination within the former shipyard sites. Following completion of the study, the Consultants will recommend appropriate remedial measures in handling the contaminated soil.

The estimated expenditure for the Study is about \$3 M.

The study, commenced in June 2000, is scheduled for completion in May 2001.

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Name in block letters Dr. LAU Ching-kwong

Post Title Director of Civil Engineering

Date 15 March 2001

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PLB003

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 43 - Civil Engineering Department Subhead (No. & title) : N/A

Programme : (3) Site Formation and Reclamation

Controlling Officer : Director of Civil Engineering

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Planning and Lands

Question : What are the location and area of each piece of land developed in 2000 and 2001 ?

Asked by : Hon LAU Chin-shek

Reply : The location and area of each piece of land developed in 2000 and 2001 are as follows: -

	Area of Land Developed (ha)	
	2000	2001
Hung Shui Kiu Area 13	4	0
Fanling Area 36 Phase 1	4.7	0
Yung Shue Wan	1.2	0
Tseung Kwan O Area 137	10	16
Pak Shek Kok Reclamation	15	18
West Kowloon Reclamation	2.3	10.2
Fanling Area 36 Phase 2	0	2.8
Tsing Yi Fung Shue Wo Road	0	0.2
Total	37.2	47.2

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Name in block letters

Post Title

Date

Dr. LAU Ching-kwong

Director of Civil Engineering

16 March 2001

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Bureau Serial No.

PLB004*

Question Serial No.

1084(b)

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN QUESTION**

Head : 56 – Government Secretariat : Planning and Lands Bureau and Works Bureau

Subhead (No. & title) : 700 General other non-recurrent
Item 540 – Publicity programme on building safety, maintenance and management

Programme : (1) Building, Lands and Planning

Controlling Officer : Secretary for Planning and Lands

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Planning and Lands

Question : What is the work schedule for Item 540 "publicity programme on building safety, maintenance and management" in the year 2001-02 and the estimated expenditure incurred?

Asked by : Hon TAM Yiu-chung

Reply : In 2001/02, the Buildings Department (BD) and Home Affairs Department (HAD) will launch a series of publicity programmes to promote building owners' awareness of their responsibilities for timely maintenance and removal of unauthorised building works, and effective building management. The programme will include short promotional TV films, radio announcements, posters, leaflets for distribution to the public, teaching kits for schools, workshops, and exhibitions. BD will also publish a detailed and comprehensive layman's guide for building owners and owners' corporations on how to properly manage and maintain buildings. The expenditure is estimated to be \$3.6 M.

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Name in block letters _____ Gordon K.C. Siu _____

Post Title _____ Secretary for Planning and Lands _____

Date _____ 16 March 2001 _____

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PLB006

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 56 – Government Secretariat: Planning and Lands Bureau and
Works Bureau

Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : Buildings, Lands and Planning

Controlling Officer : Secretary for Planning and Lands

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Planning and Lands

Question : The total public expenditure under the Buildings, Lands and Planning policy area is 64.7% higher than its revised estimate for 2000-01. Out of the 64.7%, how much is apportioned to support the comprehensive strategy for building safety and timely maintenance?

Asked by : Hon Frederick FUNG Kin-kee

Reply : Additional provision of \$189.1 million has been included in the draft Estimates mainly to fund the comprehensive strategy for building safety and timely maintenance.

Of this \$189.1 million –

- \$167.1 million has been allocated to the Buildings Department as part-year provision for stepping up enforcement action against unauthorised building works on external walls of the buildings and illegal rooftop structures in single-staircase buildings, administering the new Building Safety Improvement Loan Fund, implementing the registration scheme for advertisement signboards and minor works contractors and promoting community awareness and fostering a new culture through public education and public information;
- \$2 million has been allocated to the Buildings Department to support the enhanced enforcement programme on removal of abandoned and dangerous signboards;

- \$3.4 million has been allocated to the Planning and Lands Bureau, the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department and the Planning Department to strengthen the Secretariat of the Appeal Tribunal (Buildings), to develop a monitoring programme for aged lifts over 20 years old and to set up a building information system respectively;
- \$3.6 million has been earmarked to commence a three-year multi-media publicity and community education programme; and
- \$13 million has been allocated to enable Buildings Department to step up fire inspection and enforcement in private buildings, with particular regard to old composite buildings.

Signature : _____

Name in block letters : Gordon K. C. Siu

Post Title : Secretary for Planning and Lands

Date : 19 March 2001

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PLB007

Question Serial No.

0273

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN QUESTION**

Head : 56 Subhead (No. & title) : Subhead 700 – General other non-recurrent
Item 540 – Publicity programme on building
safety, maintenance and management

Programme : Buildings, Lands and Planning

Controlling Officer : Secretary for Planning and Lands

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Planning and Lands

Question : What are the details of the publicity programme on promoting building
safety and management and timely maintenance?

Asked by : Hon WONG Yung-kan

Reply : To underline the risk of neglect of, and to promote positive attitudes towards,
building safety and management and timely maintenance the Government will
fund a multi-media public education and publicity programme. The aim is to
enhance public awareness of the benefits of building safety, effective
management and timely maintenance. The provision for this round of
publicity activities is \$9.152 million for the period 2001-02 to 2003-04.
The main aims of the programme are:-

- to provide a clear layman's exposition of the principal aspects of the law on these subjects to owners' corporations, insurers, management companies and the public;
- to focus the attention of property owners and occupants on their responsibilities for good management, timely maintenance, proper use of buildings and removal of unauthorized building works ;
- to encourage individual owners to organize themselves to form owners' corporations to manage and maintain their buildings;
- to highlight the risks from unsafe building works and the liability from unauthorized building works;
- to emphasize the benefits and marketability of well managed and well

maintained buildings with no unauthorized building works; and

- to appeal to the public for assistance in reporting unauthorized building works through a simple form.

Activities will include Announcements of Public Interest on radio/TV, exhibitions, teaching-kits and workshops, and the issue of a layman's maintenance manual for domestic flats. Schools and public libraries, professional and youth groups, District Councils and other community bodies would be enlisted to contribute to Government efforts to foster a lasting community culture of care for buildings.

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Name in block letters : Gordon K. C. Siu

Post Title : Secretary for Planning and Lands

Date : 17 March 2001

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PLB008

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN QUESTION**

Head : 56 - Government Secretariat: Planning and Lands Bureau and Works Bureau

Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : Buildings, Lands and Planning

Controlling Officer : Secretary for Planning and Lands

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Planning and Lands

Question : (a) Please state the specific measures to enhance public awareness of good building management and timely maintenance, and the expenditure involved.

- (b) Regarding the merging of the Building Safety Improvement Loan Fund and the Fire Safety Improvement Loan Fund, what are the specific implementation timetable and the implications on the government expenditure?

Asked by : Hon CHAN Kam-lam

Reply : (a) The Government will introduce the following measures to enhance public awareness of good building management and timely maintenance:

- (1) To launch a "Co-ordinated Maintenance of Buildings Scheme" (CMBS) on a trial basis - Last year, the Buildings Department, together with 5 other government departments, launched a pilot CMBS to assist the public in enhancing their awareness of building management and maintenance. This pilot scheme was implemented by redeployment of existing resources.
- (2) To provide training to the public - The Home Affairs Department will organize seminars, workshops and training courses to explain to the public the theories and practices of fulfilling their building management and maintenance responsibilities.
- (3) To strengthen the participation of District Councils - District Councils will be invited to assist in enhancing the participation of the districts with a view to improving the environment of the districts in joint effort.

- (4) To launch a multi-media public education programme - Publicity will be launched to foster a positive culture in building management and to arouse public awareness in building maintenance.

A capital commitment of \$9.152 m has been created in the capital non-recurrent account under Head 56 for organising a three-year publicity programme on building safety, maintenance and management. In addition, the Buildings Department has earmarked about \$3m for publicity and public educational activities in 2001-02. Such activities include: compilation of a detailed and comprehensive layman's manual for owners on building safety and maintenance in co-operation with professional bodies and relevant departments; production of TV announcements of public interest (API); radio announcements; publication of posters and publicity leaflets to promote the importance of timely maintenance; and production of a school teaching kid on building safety.

- (b) A detailed proposal to merge the Building Safety Improvement Loan Scheme (BSILS) and Fire Safety Improvement Loan Scheme (FSILS) will be submitted to the Finance Committee. Subject to the Finance Committee's approval, operation of the merged fund would commence immediately thereafter.

Additional resources of Personal Emoluments of \$0.6 million and Departmental Expenditure of \$0.7 million have been included in the 2001-02 Draft Estimates for administration of the merged fund.

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Name in block letters	Gordon K.C. Siu
Post Title	Secretary for Planning and Lands
Date	19 March 2001

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PLB009

Question Serial No.

1081

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN QUESTION

Head : 56 – Government Secretariat: Planning and Lands Bureau and Works Bureau

Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (1) Building, Lands and Planning

Controlling Officer : Secretary for Planning and Lands

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Planning & Lands

- Question : (a) The estimated provision for Programme (1) for 2001-02 is \$3.2 m (5.4%) higher than the revised estimate for 2000-01 due to the increase in expenditure of non-recurrent project on building safety and maintenance. Can the Administration state the specific non-recurrent projects involved?
- (b) Three posts will be created to strengthen the secretariat of Appeal Tribunal (Buildings). Please state the salaries and duties for the 3 posts. How many appeal cases are there in 2000?
- (c) What is the post to be deleted under the Enhanced Productivity Programme?

Asked by : Hon CHAN Yuen-han

Reply :

- (a) The non-recurrent project refers to the publicity programme on building safety, effective building management and timely maintenance of buildings. This has a provision of \$3.57 m in 2001-02. The main items within the programme include topical Announcements of Public Interest on TV/radio, exhibitions, teaching kits and workshops and the issue of a comprehensive Layman's Guide to Building Maintenance.
- (b) The 3 additional posts to strengthen the secretariat of the Appeal Tribunal (Buildings) are : 1 Executive Officer (salary: MPS Point 28 – 33: \$36,940 – \$46,485), 1 Assistant Clerical Officer (salary: MPS Point 3 – 15: \$9,785 –

\$20,010) and 1 Clerical Assistant (salary: MPS Point 1 – 10: \$8,625 – \$15,160). The half year provision in 2001-02 amounts to \$0.4m. The Executive Officer will serve as an additional secretary to the Appeal Tribunal (Buildings), and will have responsibility mainly for assisting tribunal chairmen and members in tribunal proceedings, following up tribunal decisions and handling enquiries from members of public. The Assistant Clerical Officer and the Clerical Assistant will strengthen the clerical support to the Appeal Tribunal (Buildings). In 2000, the Appeal Tribunal (Buildings) handled 191 appeal cases.

- (c) The post deleted is a Management Services Officer I post in the Resource Management Unit of the Planning and Lands Bureau under the Enhanced Productivity Programme with a saving of \$0.5 m.

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Post Title	_____ Secretary for Planning and Lands _____
Date	_____ 13 March 2001 _____

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PLB010

Question Serial No.

0775

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN QUESTION**

Head : 56 – Government Secretariat : Planning and Lands Bureau and Works Bureau
(Head: 22, 42, 43, 56, 82, 91, 100, 110 and 118)

Subhead (No. & title) : Various

Programme : Various

Controlling Officer : Various

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Planning and Lands

Question : Regarding consultancy studies for policy making and assessment commissioned by the departments/services under your Bureau,

- (1) Was there any financial provision allocated for commissioning consultancy studies in 2000-01? If yes, please reply with the following details:

Names of consultants (if available)	Consultancy fees	Status of consultancy studies (in plan/ in progress/ finished)

- (2) Will there be any financial provision allocated for commissioning consultancy studies in 2001-02? If yes, please reply with the following details:

Names of consultants (if available)	Consultancy fees	Status of consultancy studies (in plan/ in progress/ finished)

Asked by : The Hon. Cyd HO Sau-lan

Reply : The financial provisions allocated for consultancy studies under the purview of Planning and Lands Bureau for the purpose of policy making and assessment are as follows:

(1) Studies with financial provision in 2000-01

Names of consultants	Estimated provision (\$m)	Description of consultancy studies	Status of consultancy studies
Shandwick International HK Ltd.	0.3	Hong Kong 2030: Planning vision and strategy	In progress
Townland Consultants Ltd.	0.2	Study on planning for pedestrians	In progress
MDR Technology Ltd.	0.2	Thematic household survey on the aspirations and experience of taking up residence in Mainland	In progress
	2.1	Survey to ascertain the parameters for forecasting employment distribution	Finished
Jones Lang LaSalle	0.6	Study on financial assessment of urban renewal projects	Finished

(2) Studies with financial provision in 2001-02

Names of consultants	Estimated provision (\$m)	Description of consultancy studies	Status of consultancy studies
Shandwick International HK Ltd.	1.0	Hong Kong 2030: Planning vision and strategy	In progress
Townland Consultants Ltd.	2.3	Study on planning for pedestrians	In progress
MDR Technology Ltd.	0.3	Thematic household survey on the aspirations and experience of taking up residence in Mainland	In progress
Not yet available	2.2	Study of landscape value mapping in Hong Kong	In plan
	3.0	Cross boundary travel survey 2001	In plan

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Post Title

Date

Gordon K. C. Siu

Secretary for Planning and Lands

17 March 2001

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PLB011

Question Serial No.

1083

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WRITTEN QUESTION**

Head : 56 Subhead (No. & title) : Subhead 700 – General other non-recurrent
Item 540 – Publicity programme on building
safety, maintenance and management

Programme : Buildings, Lands and Planning

Controlling Officer : Secretary for Planning and Lands

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Planning and Lands

Question : The \$9.15 million allocated under Head 56 Subhead 700 Item 540 has not
been used so far. Please elaborate on the details and schedule of the
publicity programme on building safety, maintenance and management.

Asked by : Hon Fred LI Wah-ming, JP

Reply : The provision of \$9.152 million will be used for a multi-media public
education and publicity programme to enhance public awareness of the benefits
of building safety, and the effective management and timely maintenance of
buildings. This provision is for publicity activities from 2001-02 to 2003-04.
These activities will include Announcements of Public Interest on radio/TV,
exhibitions, teaching-kits and workshops and the issue of a layman's
maintenance manual for domestic flats. A range of community
organizations – schools and public libraries, professional and youth groups,
District Councils and others – will be enlisted to contribute to Government's
efforts to foster a lasting culture of care for building safety and timely
maintenance.

Signature : _____

Name in block letters : Gordon K. C. Siu

Post Title : Secretary for Planning and Lands

Date : 17 March 2001

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WRITTEN QUESTION**

Head : 56 Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. &
Planning and Lands Bureau and title) :
Works Bureau

Programme : (1) Building, Lands and Planning

Controlling Officer : Secretary for Planning and Lands

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Planning and Lands

Question : What is the programme for introducing legislation to define “minor works”? Please also provide details of the creation of a new category of registered contractors for such works. What is the estimated expenditure for this?

Asked by : Hon CHAN Kam-lam

Reply : A category of “minor works” will be created to include works for which the present level of control under the Buildings Ordinance is no longer appropriate or necessary. The existing controls include requirements for building plans to be approved by the Building Authority prior to commencement of construction, supervision by Authorised Persons and Registered Structural Engineers, and the works to be carried out by registered general building contractors. Instead, we propose that the Buildings Ordinance should provide for specific types of minor works to be carried out by a new category of registered contractors, without the submission of building plans for approval by the Building Authority. Legislation to define “minor works” and create a category of “minor works contractors” will be introduced in the next legislative session. Part-year provision of \$3.1 million has been included in the 2001-02 draft Estimates for administration of the registration scheme.

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Name in block letters : Gordon K. C. Siu

Post Title : Secretary for Planning and Lands

Date : 14 March 2001

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PLB013

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION

Head : 56 Subhead(No. & title) :

Programme : (i) Building, Lands and Planning

Controlling Officer : Secretary for Planning and Lands

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Planning and Lands

Question : What resources will be spent on urban renewal and the Urban Renewal Authority in the coming financial year? With the establishment of the Urban Renewal Authority, how will the duties of the staff responsible for urban renewal be redistributed and the resources reallocated?

Asked by : Hon CHAN Yuen-han

Reply :

The Government will put in place various financial and non-financial measures to facilitate the future Urban Renewal Authority (URA) to implement its 20-year urban renewal programme. These measures include the waiver of land premia for redevelopment sites, the exemption of Government/Institution/Community facilities within URA project areas from the calculation of gross floor area and the provision of loans to the URA. With these measures, the URA should be self-financing in the long run.

Since the URA has not yet been established, it is not possible to estimate at this stage the amount of loans required by the URA and the amount of land premia involved in URA's redevelopment projects in the coming financial year. We need to consider URA's loan requirements in the context of its 5-year Corporate Plan and annual Business Plan which the URA will submit in accordance with the Urban Renewal Authority Ordinance after its establishment. As regards land premia, if full market value were to be paid for URA's redevelopment sites, the estimated land costs would be \$50 billion for the 20-year urban renewal programme.

Three urban renewal teams are set up in the Planning and Lands Bureau, the Planning Department and the Lands Department to facilitate urban renewal. With the establishment of the URA, the number of urban renewal projects is expected to increase. These urban renewal teams will continue their existing role in facilitating the implementation of the urban renewal programme. An outline of their main duties is as follows:

- a) The Urban Renewal Unit of Planning and Lands Bureau will be responsible for formulating the urban renewal strategy and keeping the strategy under regular review. The Unit will scrutinise the Corporate Plan and Business Plan submitted by the URA and will monitor the implementation of the urban renewal programme;
- b) The Urban Renewal Division of the Planning Department will continue to be responsible for co-ordinating the planning aspects of urban renewal projects, including the processing of rezoning requests, master layout plan submissions and the planning applications for development schemes. The Division will also be tasked to identify rehousing sites; and
- c) The Urban Renewal Section of the Lands Department will continue to handle land resumption and clearance work for urban renewal projects.

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Name in block letters _____ GORDON K C SIU _____

Post Title _____ Secretary for Planning and Lands _____

Date _____ 14 March 2001 _____

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Head : 56 – Government Secretariat: Planning and Lands Bureau and Works Bureau

Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (1) Building, Lands and Planning

Controlling Officer : Secretary for Planning and Lands

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Planning and Lands

Question :

The Bureau has indicated that an adequate supply of land will be made available in the coming year. In this context, has the Bureau reserved any financial provision for conducting a feasibility study on the development of border areas in New Territories North? If not, why?

Asked by : Dr Hon TANG Siu-tong, JP

Reply :

The Planning Department is conducting a planning study entitled “Hong Kong 2030 : Planning Vision and Strategy” to develop a long-term land use, transport and environmental strategy to guide our development in the next 30 years. One of the study objectives is to identify development opportunities in Hong Kong, particularly in the New Territories. The study will be completed in 2002.

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Date 15 March 2001

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PLB015

Question Serial No.

0065

Examination of draft Estimates of Expenditure 2001-02

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 82 Buildings Department Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : Buildings and Building Works

Controlling Officer : Director of Buildings

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Planning and Lands

Question : The number of directorate posts will be substantially increased from 32 to 45 (rising by 13 posts) while the number of non-directorate posts will be increased from 932 to 933 (only rising by 1 post) in the Buildings Department. What is the reason for this? What kind of projects or services will be undertaken by the 13 newly-created directorate posts?

Asked by : Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing

Reply :

It is proposed that the Buildings Department (BD) should be provided with an additional \$191.8 M in 2001/02 mainly to implement a much enhanced programme to improve building safety and promote timely maintenance of buildings. The main aims of the programme are to step up efforts to remove unauthorised building works (UBW), clear single-staircase buildings of illegal rooftop structures, promote timely maintenance of buildings, strengthen support to building owners, improve fire safety of old composite buildings, set up a new regime of control for signboards and launch a public education campaign.

In order to carry out the large volume of additional work and achieve the set targets in the areas concerned, BD will strengthen its operational capability by employing about 370 additional non-civil service contract staff and contracting out part of the enforcement work relating to UBW. Some 89 permanent posts, mainly at supervisory level and including 36 and 44 posts in the professional and technical grades respectively, will be created to oversee the additional teams of contract staff and the work outsourced. These 89 posts will be partly offset by the deletion of 88 permanent posts in lower ranks (resulting in the number of non-directorate posts increasing by one). These 88 non-directorate posts can be deleted as the additional basic operational work will be carried out by contract staff or outsourced.

Given these very substantial increases in workload and departmental manpower, the major new commitment to management of outsourced contract work and the fact that this level of activity is planned to continue for some five to seven years, it is essential that BD also be strengthened at the directorate level. Some 11 additional directorate posts, including a Deputy Director, two Assistant Directors, seven chief professional officers

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Question Serial No.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 82 Buildings Department

Subhead(No. & title) :

Programme : Buildings and Building Works

Controlling Officer : Director of Buildings

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Planning and Lands

Question : The provision for the Buildings Department in the Estimates is \$749.9 m. When compared with that of last year, it has an increase of 34.4%. Although it aims at stepping up efforts to clear unauthorized building works, the number of unauthorized structures removed and irregularities rectified would be reduced from 18 297 in 2000 to 15 000 in this year's Estimate. Please state the reasons why.

Asked by : Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing

Reply :

In September 1999, the Buildings Department (BD) launched the largest ever operation to remove unauthorized building works (UBW) from the external walls of buildings, mobilizing additional manpower from all units in the department. This special 'blitz' operation resulted in the removal of an unprecedented total of 18 297 external UBW in 2000. Such operations could not continue without compromising other areas of the Department's operations.

The provision of additional funding in 2001/02 will enable BD to employ part of these resources to further intensify the removal of external UBW. The target is to tackle at least 900 buildings in 2001/02. As the additional staff would only begin to become available from mid-2001, we will start issuing the necessary removal orders in the latter part of 2001. Therefore we estimate that these additional removal orders together with the other usual UBW removal operations would result in the removal of 15,000 UBW in 2001. We expect, however, that with the arrival of all the additional staff, we will be able to clear 24,500 UBW in 2002, a 63% increase over 2001.

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Question Serial No.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 82 Buildings Department Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : Buildings and Building Works

Controlling Officer : Director of Buildings

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Planning and Lands

Question : The Buildings Department will create 13 directorate posts in the year 2001-02. Please list out the titles, ranks and duties of these 13 new posts in detail.

Asked by : Hon WONG Yung-kan

Reply :

It is proposed that the Buildings Department (BD) should be provided with an additional \$191.8 M in 2001/02 mainly to implement a much enhanced programme to improve building safety and promote timely maintenance of buildings. The main aims of the programme are to step up efforts to remove unauthorised building works (UBW), clear single-staircase buildings of illegal rooftop structures, promote timely maintenance of buildings, strengthen support to building owners, improve fire safety of old composite buildings, set up a new regime of control for signboards and launch a public education campaign.

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Question Serial No.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 82 Buildings Department Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : Buildings and Building Works

Controlling Officer : Director of Buildings

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Planning and Lands

Question : What is the scope of responsibilities of the 13 newly-created directorate posts?

Asked by : Hon Michael MAK Kwok-fung

Reply :

It is proposed that the Buildings Department (BD) should be provided with an additional \$191.8 M in 2001/02 mainly to implement a much enhanced programme to improve building safety and promote timely maintenance of buildings. The main aims of the programme are to step up efforts to remove unauthorised building works (UBW), clear single-staircase buildings of illegal rooftop structures, promote timely maintenance of buildings, strengthen support to building owners, improve fire safety of old composite buildings, set up a new regime of control for signboards and launch a public education campaign.

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Question Serial No.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 82 Buildings Department

Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : Buildings and Building Works

Controlling Officer : Director of Buildings

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Planning and Lands

Question : The estimated provision for the Buildings Department in the new financial year will be increased by 34.4%. Please advise in detail whether the increased expenses will be mainly spent on human resources or otherwise.

Asked by : Hon LAU Wong-fat

Reply : The increase of 34.4% financial provision in the new financial year comprises increase in provision for both human and other resources as follows :

	<u>\$ M</u>	<u>\$M</u>
Increase in personal emoluments	27.7	
Increase in resources for employing non-civil service contract staff and outsourcing to private professionals	<u>132.3</u>	
Increase in human resources		160.0
Increase in resources other than human resources, including additional resources for the purchase of equipment and departmental expenditure		31.8
Total increase		<u><u>191.8</u></u>

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16 March 2001

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PLB020

Question Serial No.

0522(b)*

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 82 Buildings Department

Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : Buildings and Building Works

Controlling Officer : Director of Buildings

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Planning and Lands

Question : Buildings Department has substantially increased its targets for the removal of unauthorized building works (UBW), illegal rooftop structures from single-stair buildings, and for the removal of UBW and the carrying out of repairs in buildings in 2001-02. Can the administration give an account of the additional man-power and expenditure required for the three targets?

Asked by : Hon CHAN Kam-lam

Reply :

The Buildings Department (BD) will require \$118.5 M for the removal of unauthorised building works (UBW) primarily from the external walls of buildings and those newly constructed, but also UBWs on roofs, podiums and in lanes. With the additional provision, our target is to increase the number of buildings to be cleared of external wall UBWs from 400 in 2000/01 to 900 in 2001/02. The resources will be used for outsourcing to consultants and for the employment of non-civil service contract staff to carry out inspection and removal work.

As regards the removal of illegal rooftop structures (IRS) from single - staircase buildings, BD plans to use \$20.9 M for the employment of 87 additional non-civil contract staff. The aim is to increase the number of such buildings to be cleared of IRS from 300 to about 700 in 2001/02.

BD will redeploy existing resources for the pilot Coordinated Maintenance of Buildings Scheme, under which selected buildings are to be cleared of UBW and to undergo all necessary repairs.

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Director of Buildings

15 March 2001

* Please refer to the following for a full reply to this question –
PLB020, PLB026, PLB040 and PLB043

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Examination of draft Estimates of Expenditure 2001-02**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 82 Buildings Department Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : Buildings and Building Works

Controlling Officer : Director of Buildings

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Planning and Lands

Question : The workload of the Buildings Department will be immensely increased for the coming year, but only 14 additional posts, including 13 directorate posts, will be created. Please state:

- (1) in what way the Department will be able to cope with such a heavy workload with the additional staff;
- (2) the reason why almost all the additional staff are of supervisory level and whether there are surplus staff in senior management

Asked by : Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him

Reply :

It is proposed that the Buildings Department (BD) should be provided with an additional \$191.8 M in 2001/02 mainly to implement a much enhanced programme to improve building safety and promote timely maintenance of buildings. The main objects of the programme are to step up efforts to remove unauthorised building works (UBW), clear single-staircase buildings of illegal rooftop structures, promote timely maintenance of buildings, strengthen support to building owners, improve fire safety of old composite buildings, set up a new regime of control for signboards and launch a public education campaign.

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Head : 82 Buildings Department Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : Buildings and Building Works

Controlling Officer : Director of Buildings

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Planning and Lands

Question : (a) Please elaborate on the reasons and the allocation of the 34% increase in the provision and the 14 newly-created posts in the Buildings Department in 2001-02. What are the details of the 34 posts deleted under the Enhancement Productivity Programme (EPP)?

(b) How many of the newly created posts are on contract basis?

Asked by : Hon CHAN Yuen-han

Reply :

- (a) It is proposed that, in 2001-02, the Buildings Department (BD) should be provided with an additional \$191.8 M, amounting to a 34% increase in its expenditure to implement a much enhanced programme to improve building safety and promote timely maintenance of buildings. The main thrust of the programme is to step up efforts to remove unauthorised building works, clear single-staircase buildings of illegal rooftop structures, promote timely maintenance of buildings, strengthen support to building owners, improve fire safety of old composite buildings, set up a new regime of control for signboards and launch a public education campaign.

In order to carry out the large volume of additional work and achieve the set targets in the areas concerned, BD will strengthen its operational capability by employing 373 additional non-civil service contract staff and contracting out part of the enforcement work relating to unauthorised building works (UBW). Some 89 permanent posts, mainly at supervisory level and including 36 and 44 posts in the professional and technical grades respectively, will be created to oversee the additional teams of contract staff and the work outsourced. These 89 posts will be partly offset by the deletion of 88 permanent or time-limited posts in lower ranks (resulting in the number of non-directorate posts increasing by one). These 88 non-directorate posts can be deleted as the additional basic operational work will be carried out by contract staff or outsourced.

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The 34 posts deleted under the EPP comprise 7 professional, 16 technical and 11 general grades posts.

- (b) As noted in (a) above, 373 staff will be employed on a contract basis.

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Bureau Serial No.

PLB023

Question Serial No.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 82 Buildings Department Subhead(No. & title) :

Programme : Buildings and Building Works

Controlling Officer : Director of Buildings

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Planning and Lands

Question : What are the total estimated expenditure and the staffing arrangement for the promotion and implementation of the Building Safety Inspection Scheme (BSIS) and the scheme to promote timely maintenance by the Buildings Department? What are the estimated expenditure and the staffing arrangement required for building maintenance, the removal of unauthorized building works and rooftop structures, and the control of advertisement signboards?

Asked by : Hon CHAN Yuen-han

Reply : In November 2000, the Buildings Department introduced a pilot Co-ordinated Maintenance of Buildings Scheme (CMBS) to replace the Building Safety Inspection Scheme. The CMBS makes use of powers under existing legislation being enforced by departments involved. Its aim is to help building owners maintain their buildings in a more efficient and cost effective manner. The department has deployed existing resources to implement the scheme. The resources currently allocated to the CMBS comprise 159 professional and technical staff, spending 18% of their time and costing some \$13.4 million a year.

The Buildings Department intends to continue with operations to remove unauthorised building works (UBW). The current enforcement team comprises 223 staff, costing some \$72.3 million a year. An additional \$118.5 million for the employment of 194 additional contract staff and outsourcing part of the inspection and removal operation, will be allocated in 2001-02 for the removal of UBW.

As regards single-staircase buildings which are covered by illegal rooftop structures (IRS), the current enforcement team comprises 50 staff, costing some \$11.8 million a year. An additional \$20.9 million, representing 87 additional staff, will be allocated in 2001-02 for the IRS removal work.

A new Office of the Registration Authority will be established in the Buildings Department for the implementation of the registration system for advertisement signboards. The Office will comprise a registration unit, a control unit and a prosecution unit with an establishment of 55 additional staff. Provision of \$13.4 million has been included in the 2001/02 draft Estimates for administration of the registration scheme.

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PLB024

Question Serial No.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY WRITTEN QUESTION**

Head : 82 Buildings Department Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : Buildings and Buildings Works

Controlling Officer : Director of Buildings

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Planning and Lands

Question : According to paragraph 3 of programme 1, Planning and Lands Bureau will arrange for the Building Safety Improvement Loan Fund and the Fire Safety Improvement Loan Fund to be merged. What will the fund amount to in total after merging. In what way will the Government provide financial assistance to the needed owners to undertake building maintenance and repair?

Asked by : Ir Dr Hon Raymond HO Chung-tai

Reply :

We plan to merge the Building Safety Improvement Loan Scheme and the Fire Safety Improvement Loan Scheme to form a single loan fund of \$700 million. Our proposal is that the scope of this loan fund will be expanded to provide more comprehensive support for owners in need. Loans will be granted to owners who need financial assistance in carrying out any necessary repair works in their buildings, including, inter alia, unauthorised building works, lifts, electric wiring and slopes, either voluntarily or in compliance with statutory orders.

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Director of Buildings

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Bureau Serial No.

PLB025

Question Serial No.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY WRITTEN QUESTION**

Head : 82 Buildings Department Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : Buildings and Building Works

Controlling Officer : Director of Buildings

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Planning and Lands

Question : In respect of the Building Safety Improvement Loan Scheme, why were there only 308 loan applications processed in 2000 whilst the number of applications had been estimated to be 1 160 in the year 2001?

Asked by : Hon WONG Yung-kan

Reply :

The low utilization rate of the loan scheme was mainly due to the restricted ambit of the scheme. To enhance the utilization rate and to provide more comprehensive support to owners in improving building safety, we plan to expand the scope of this loan scheme to include, inter alia, removal of unauthorized building works and maintenance/repair of lift installations, electric wiring or slopes, to be carried out either voluntarily or in compliance with statutory orders.

In addition, it is anticipated that in 2001, the intensified action under the annual blitz clearance operation (some 900 buildings will be targeted) and the Coordinated Maintenance of Buildings Scheme will generate a substantial increase in applications from owners of the target buildings for financial assistance to remove unauthorized building works on the external walls and to carry out repairs/improvement works to their buildings.

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Bureau Serial No.

PLB026*

Question Serial No.

0522(a)

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY WRITTEN QUESTION**

Head : 82 Buildings Department Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : Buildings and Building Works

Controlling Officer : Director of Buildings

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Planning and Lands

Question : It was estimated in the estimates of expenditure that the number of loan applications processed and approved under the Building Safety Improvement Loan Scheme this year would increase substantially by several times when compared with those of last year. Please explain how the authorities would plan to achieve this target.

Asked by : Hon CHAN Kam-lam

Reply :

We anticipate that the intensified action under the blitz clearance operation and the new initiative under the CMBS will generate a substantial increase in loan applications in 2001.

In 2001, the annual blitz clearance operation will target some 900 buildings, more than twice the number of buildings targeted in Year 2000, for removal of unauthorized building works on their external walls.

In addition, the Department has launched a Co-ordinated Maintenance of Buildings Scheme (CMBS) in November 2000 in various districts throughout Hong Kong to assist owners and owners' corporations in pursuing a comprehensive building maintenance programme. Under the Scheme the Department will co-ordinate efforts of the participating departments to assist the owners or owners' corporations of the selected buildings to determine the scope and nature of improvement works required. Building owners in need of financial assistance can apply for loans to carry out repairs/improvement works to their buildings. Loan requests under the CMBS are now being received.

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C M LEUNG

Director of Buildings

16 March 2001

* Please refer to the following for a full reply to this question –
PLB522(b), PLB522(c) and PLB 522(d)

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Bureau Serial No.

PLB027

Question Serial No.

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Examination of draft Estimates of Expenditure 2001-02

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY WRITTEN QUESTION**

Head : 82 Buildings Department Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : Buildings and Building Works

Controlling Officer : Director of Buildings

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Planning and Lands

Question : The number of loan applications processed and approved by the Buildings Department under the Building Safety Improvement Loan Scheme has been small since its introduction. The number of loan applications processed and approved last year were only 308 and 281 respectively, but the Department estimated that 1 160 applications could be processed in the year 2001-02 and the number of applications approved would be 1 000.

- 1) Was the small number of loan applications in the past related to insufficient resources. Will the resources be increased?
- 2) Was the loan scheme too cumbersome and will the Department review the processing procedures?
- 3) The estimated number for the coming year is almost 4 times higher than the actual number of loan applications last year. What are the reasons?

Asked by : Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him

Reply :

- (1) The low utilization rate of the loan scheme was mainly due to the restricted ambit of the scheme. To enhance the utilization rate and to provide more comprehensive support to owners in improving building safety, we plan to expand the scope of this loan scheme to include, inter alia, removal of unauthorized building works (UBW) and maintenance/ repair of lift installations, electric wiring or slopes, to be carried out either voluntarily or in compliance with statutory orders.

- (2) The existing application procedures of the loan scheme are not over-cumbersome. The Buildings Department will continue to look for opportunities to streamline processes .
- (3) It is expected that more applications for loans under the loan scheme will be processed in 2001, due to the following –
 - (a) intensified action to improve building safety including the annual blitz operation to clear external wall UBW; and
 - (b) the implementation of the co-ordinated maintenance of buildings scheme.

Under the above programmes, building owners in need of financial assistance can apply for loans to remove their unauthorized building works and carry out repairs/improvement works to their buildings.

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Bureau Serial No.

PLB028*

Question Serial No.

1117(b)

Examination of draft Estimates of Expenditure 2001-02

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 82 Buildings Department

Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : Buildings and Building Works

Controlling Officer : Director of Buildings

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Planning and Lands

Question : The Buildings Department estimated that 1 000 loan applications could be approved under the Building Safety Improvement Loan Scheme in the year 2001-02. How many additional applications could be approved if the ambit of the loan fund is expanded according to the proposal?

Asked by : Hon TAM Yiu-chung

Reply :

The merged Building Safety Improvement Loan Scheme (BSILS) and Fire Safety Improvement Loan Scheme (FSILS) would provide a central loan fund of \$700 million. The scope of the merged loan fund will be liberalized and extended to cover not only repair and upgrading works to improve the building safety, fire safety and slope safety aspects of private properties, but also works relating to the preventive maintenance and timely repairs of private buildings (including the fire services installations, lifts and electrical wiring therein) and slopes. Owners who initiate the above improvement measures to their building and/or slope, either voluntarily or otherwise, may apply for financial assistance under the merged loan scheme.

It is estimated that the liberalized scope of the merged loan scheme would result in about 500 more applications being approved in 2001-02 than the estimated 1 000 applications under the current ambit.

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PLB029

Question Serial No.

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Examination of draft Estimates of Expenditure 2001-02

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY WRITTEN QUESTION**

Head : 82 Buildings Department Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : Buildings and Building Works

Controlling Officer : Director of Buildings

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Planning and Lands

Question : There were 308 applications put forward under the Building Safety Improvement Loan Scheme last year. What criteria did the authorities use in estimating that the estimated number of 1 160 applications could be reached next year?

Asked by : Hon CHAN Yuen-han

Reply :

In estimating the number of applications to be processed in 2001, Buildings Department has taken into consideration the following -

- (a) intensified action under the annual blitz clearance operation targeting at some 900 buildings (representing more than twice the number of target buildings in Year 2000) for removal of unauthorized building works on their external walls; and
- (b) the introduction of a Co-ordinated Maintenance of Buildings Scheme in November 2000 in various districts throughout Hong Kong under which financial assistance from the Loan Scheme would be made available to owners who have financial difficulty to carry out repairs and improvement works to their buildings.

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Director of Buildings

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Bureau Serial No.

PLB030

Question Serial No.

0124

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION

Head : 82 Buildings Department

Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : Buildings and Building Works

Controlling Officer : Director of Buildings

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Planning & Lands

Question : With regard to the matters requiring special attention in 2001-02, the authorities pointed out that a new strategy would be adopted for auditing the safety of building works including both foundation and superstructure works. Please state the specifics of this new strategy.

Asked by : Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing

Reply :

Building professionals and registered contractors are responsible for supervising the construction of building works under the Buildings Ordinance to ensure their quality and safety. The new strategy proposed to be adopted by the Buildings Department (BD) from 2001 is a more comprehensive audit of both foundation and superstructure works to ensure that building professionals and registered contractors fulfil their responsibilities for site supervision.

At present, BD auditing of foundation works is limited to the commencement and completion stages. The proposed new strategy will expand the scope of the audits to include detailed checking of piling and superstructure works throughout the construction process, with the investigative focus being on structural integrity and safety.

The auditing will be arranged so as to minimize predictability and maximize time spent on checking actual site work. The scheduling of audits will take into account the quality of building works achieved as the project progresses, with non-conformities at any particular construction site attracting more intensive audit checks. The objectives are to enable any problems to be rectified early and to deter malpractices more effectively.

The proposed new strategy for auditing the quality of building works will enable BD to ensure that the resources devoted to this task are deployed to optimal effect. Arrangements for implementing the strategy are being worked out in consultation with the industry.

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Bureau Serial No.

PLB031

Question Serial No.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 82 Buildings Department

Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : Buildings and Building Works

Controlling Officer : Director of Buildings

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Planning & Lands

Question : The Buildings Department will adopt new measures in 2001-2002 for auditing the safety of building works (including both foundation and superstructure works). Please state the details of these measures, and the manpower and financial resources concerned.

Asked by : Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him

Reply :

Building professionals and registered contractors are responsible for supervising the construction of building works under the Buildings Ordinance to ensure their quality and safety. The new strategy proposed to be adopted by the Buildings Department (BD) from 2001 is a more comprehensive audit of both foundation and superstructure works to ensure that building professionals and registered contractors fulfil their responsibilities for site supervision.

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The proposed new strategy for auditing the quality of building works will enable BD to ensure that the resources devoted to this task are deployed to optimal effect. Arrangements for implementing the strategy are being worked out in consultation with the industry.

The additional staff and resources required for the new approach of conducting audit checks will be met by redeployment of existing resources.

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PLB032

Question Serial No.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 82 Buildings Department

Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : Buildings and Building Works

Controlling Officer : Director of Buildings

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Planning & Lands

Question : According to the Draft Estimates, the Buildings Department will adopt a new strategy in the coming financial year for auditing the safety of building works (including both foundation and superstructure works). Please state the specifics of this new strategy. Does the new strategy include any measures to strengthen the industrial safety of construction workers?

Asked by : Hon LAU Chin-shek

Reply :

Building professionals and registered contractors are responsible for supervising the construction of building works under the Buildings Ordinance to ensure their quality and safety. The new strategy proposed to be adopted by the Buildings Department (BD) from 2001 is a more comprehensive audit of both foundation and superstructure works to ensure that building professionals and registered contractors fulfil their responsibilities for site supervision.

At present, BD's auditing of foundation works is limited to the commencement and completion stages. The proposed new strategy will expand the scope of the audits to include detailed checking of piling and superstructure works throughout the construction process, with the investigative focus being on structural integrity and safety.

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The proposed new strategy for auditing the quality of building works will enable BD to ensure that the resources devoted to this task are deployed to optimal effect. Arrangements for implementing the strategy are being worked out in consultation with the industry.

Through the statutory site supervision plan which already includes specific measures to strengthen the industrial safety of construction workers, registered contractors are required to provide adequate measures to ensure construction works site safety. Hence auditing the provision of these measures will bring about improvement in the safety of workers.

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WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 82 Buildings Department Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : Buildings and Building Works

Controlling Officer : Director of Buildings

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Planning & Lands

Question : The Government will adopt a new strategy for auditing the safety of building works for the coming year. Please state the specifics of this new strategy and the expenditure and manpower required?

Asked by : Hon CHAN Yuen-han

Reply:

Building professionals and registered contractors are responsible for supervising the construction of building works under the Buildings Ordinance to ensure their quality and safety. The new strategy proposed to be adopted by the Buildings Department (BD) from 2001 is a more comprehensive audit of both foundation and superstructure works to ensure that building professionals and registered contractors fulfil their responsibilities for site supervision.

At present, BD's auditing of foundation works is limited to the commencement and completion stages. The proposed new strategy will expand the scope of the audits to include detailed checking of piling and superstructure works throughout the construction process. The focus will be on structural integrity and safety.

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The proposed new strategy for auditing the quality of building works will enable BD to ensure that the resources devoted to this task are deployed to optimal effect. Arrangements for implementing the strategy are being worked out in consultation with the industry.

The additional staff and resources required for the new approach of conducting audit checks will be met by redeployment of existing resources.

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PLB034

Question Serial No.

0354

Examination of draft Estimates of Expenditure 2001-02

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY WRITTEN QUESTION**

Head : 82 Buildings Department Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : Buildings and Building Works

Controlling Officer : Director of Buildings

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Planning and Lands

Question : Please list out the details of the consultancy study on water seepage and drain leakage investigation. When will the study commence and by what time will it be completed?

Asked by : Hon WONG Yung-kan

Reply : The purpose of the consultancy study on water seepage and drain leakage investigation is to:

- (a) identify the common cause of water seepage and leakage of drain pipes in Hong Kong;
- (b) study the technology available in Hong Kong and overseas for detecting the source of water leakage from water supply and drain pipes embedded in building structure;
- (c) recommend ways suitable for application in Hong Kong for detecting water seepage and defects in water pipes, including those employing non-destructive means of investigation; and
- (d) recommend ways to effect repair to defective water supply and drainage pipes.

The Buildings Department is now short-listing consultants and will award the contact in the second quarter of 2001. The whole consultancy study will take 12 months to complete.

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PLB035

Question Serial No.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION

Head : 82 Buildings Department

Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : Buildings and Building Works

Controlling Officer : Director of Buildings

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Planning & Lands

Question : Please list out the details of the consultancy study on seismic effects on buildings in Hong Kong. When will the study commence and by what time will it be completed?

Asked by : Hon WONG Yung-kan

Reply :

The consultancy study on seismic effects on buildings will include:

- (a) the seismic history of Hong Kong and the southern part of the Mainland;
- (b) the geotechnical characteristics of soil and rock in Hong Kong when subjected to an earthquake;
- (c) the seismic response of buildings of different structural forms in Hong Kong under excitations caused by earthquakes;
- (d) an analysis of the risk posed by earthquakes to the structural safety of buildings in Hong Kong;
- (e) recommended strategies for dealing with the different levels of potential risk caused by seismic effects on buildings in Hong Kong;
- (f) the design requirements of international and Chinese seismic codes for areas of seismic risks which are comparable to those posed to Hong Kong; and
- (g) recommended seismic design level suitable for building design in Hong Kong.

We are preparing the consultancy brief and expect the study to commence in the third quarter of 2001. We also expect that the study will be completed within one year.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION

Head : 82 Buildings Department

Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : Buildings and Building Works

Controlling Officer : Director of Buildings

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Planning and Lands

Question : It was mentioned in the report that a Consultancy to review Code of Practice for Fire Safety in buildings and renovation works has been commissioned. Please elaborate on its progress and the expected date of completion of the study.

Asked by : Hon WONG Yung-kan

Reply : We are in the process of tendering out the consultancy and expect the study to commence in the third quarter of 2001. This is a complex, technical study involving the revision of four codes of practice relating to fire safety requirements and also the compilation of a new code of practice on building safety designs based on fire engineering methods. The whole consultancy study will be completed in about 18 months.

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WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTIONHead : 82 Buildings DepartmentSubhead (No. & title) :Programme : Buildings and Building WorksControlling Officer : Director of BuildingsBureau Secretary : Secretary for Planning & Lands

Question : Please list out the details of the consultancy study on the seismic effects on buildings in Hong Kong under sub-head 700. Please give an account of the work schedule for 01-02. What are the costs involved?

Asked by : Hon TAM Yiu-chungReply :

The consultancy study on seismic effects on buildings will include:

- (a) the seismic history of Hong Kong and the southern part of the Mainland;
- (b) the geotechnical characteristics of soil and rock in Hong Kong when subjected to an earthquake;
- (c) the seismic response of buildings of different structural forms in Hong Kong under excitations caused by earthquakes;
- (d) an analysis of the risk posed by earthquakes to the structural safety of buildings in Hong Kong;
- (e) recommended strategies for dealing with the different levels of potential risk caused by seismic effects on buildings in Hong Kong;
- (f) the design requirements of international and Chinese seismic codes for areas of seismic risks which are comparable to those posed to Hong Kong; and
- (g) recommended seismic design level suitable for building design in Hong Kong.

We are preparing the consultancy brief and expect the study to commence in the third quarter of 2001. We also expect that the study will be completed within one year.

In the financial year 2001-02, the estimated expenditure will be \$4.0 M out of a total estimate of \$5.0 M. The consultant will be expected to complete the first draft study report within the financial year.

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PLB038

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 82 Buildings Department

Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : Buildings and Building Works

Controlling Officer : Director of Buildings

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Planning and Lands

Question : What will be the manpower resources responsible for the implementation of the registration system for advertisement signboards by the Buildings Department? Does it involves new staff or deployment of existing staff, and how many expenses will be involved?

Asked by : Hon LAU Wong-fat

Reply :

A new office would be established in the Buildings Department for implementation of the registration system for advertisement signboards. The office will comprise a registration unit, a control unit and a prosecution unit with an establishment of 55 additional staff. Provision of \$13.4 million has been made in the 2001/02 draft Estimates for the registration scheme.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION

Head : 82 Buildings Department

Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : Buildings and Building Works

Controlling Officer : Director of Buildings

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Planning and Lands

Question : How much provision will the authorities set aside for carrying out the signboard registration system?

Asked by : Hon WONG Yung-kan

Reply : We have included a provision of \$13.4 M for carrying out the signboard registration system in the year 2001-02.

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Question Serial No.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 82 Buildings Department

Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : Buildings and Building Works

Controlling Officer : Director of Buildings

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Planning and Lands

Question : What is the specific schedule of developing a signboard registration system and what are the additional costs required?

Asked by : Hon CHAN Kam-lam

Reply :

The Government plans to introduce legislation for a self-financing registration system for advertisement signboards in the next legislative session. Preparation of law drafting instructions and the detailed operational arrangements will commence upon completion of the current public consultation exercise by end of March 2001. Provision of \$13.4 million has been made in the 2001/02 draft estimates for implementation of this registration system.

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WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**Head : 82 Buildings DepartmentSubhead (No. & title) :Programme : Buildings and Building WorksControlling Officer : Director of BuildingsBureau Secretary : Secretary for Planning and Lands

Question : The target set by the Buildings Department on the number of advertisement signboards removed/repared for the year 2001-02 was 1200, but the number of advertisement signboards removed/repared by the Department last year was only 646. What resources will the Department allocate in 2001-02 to achieve the target?

Asked by : Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him

Reply : The Buildings Department (BD) monitors the safety of signboards in various districts through regular inspections and responding to complaints from the public. If any signboard is found to pose an immediate danger or liable to become dangerous, BD will advise the owner of the signboard to carry out repair or removal works. If the owner fails to comply with the advice or where necessary, BD will issue a removal order. In addition, if a signboard is abandoned or in case of emergency, BD will immediately remove the signboard to protect public safety, only later will action be taken to recover the cost of the removal.

In 2000, there were fewer typhoons and as a result fewer signboards became dangerous and required removal. In 2001-02, BD will step up the inspection of signboards on a district by district basis to identify dangerous or abandoned signboards and therefore expects to achieve the target of repairing or removing 1 200 such signboards. As regards resources, a sum of \$5 M has been earmarked for the removal of abandoned signboards.

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Bureau Serial No.

PLB042*

Question Serial No.

1117(a)

Head : 82 Buildings Department Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : Buildings and Building Works

Controlling Officer : Director of Buildings

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Planning and Lands

Question : What is the estimated expenditure of the Buildings Department for clearance of unauthorised building works, rooftop structure as well as removal or repair of advertisement signboards for the year 2001-02? What is the difference when compared with that of last year?

Asked by : Hon TAM Yiu-chung

Reply : The Buildings Department intends to continue with the operations to remove unauthorised building works (UBW). The current enforcement team comprises 223 staff, costing some \$72.3 million a year. An additional \$118.5 million for the employment of 194 additional contract staff and outsourcing part of the inspection and removal operation, will be allocated in 2001-02 for the removal of UBW.

As regards single-staircase buildings which are covered by illegal rooftop structures (IRS), the current enforcement team comprises 50 staff, costing some \$11.8 million a year. An additional \$20.9 million, representing 87 additional staff, will be allocated in 2001-02 for the IRS removal work.

In 2001-02, \$5 million has been included in the draft estimate for the removal of abandoned and dangerous advertisement signboards compared to \$2.20 million in 2000-01.

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WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTIONHead : 82 Buildings Department Subhead (No. & title) :Programme : Buildings and Building WorksControlling Officer : Director of BuildingsBureau Secretary : Secretary for Planning and LandsQuestion : Please give an account of the specific proposal on the exemption of green features from the calculation of gross floor area and the timetable for its implementation. Besides, is additional expenditure required for implementing fast track approval of building plans?Asked by : Hon CHAN Kam-lamReply :

In a Joint Practice Note for Professional Persons issued on 27 February this year, the Buildings Department, together with the Lands and Planning Departments, announced the first package of incentives for the construction of green buildings. With effect from the date of issue of that practice note and subject to the specific conditions set out therein, the following green features may be exempted from the calculation of gross floor area and site coverage for new building proposals:

- (a) Balconies not exceeding 2m² or 4% of the Usable Floor Space (as stipulated under the Building (Planning) Regulations) subject to a maximum of 5m² for residential flats;
- (b) Common corridors for a width of 0.6m (or 1m with natural ventilation) in excess of 1.2m and common lift lobbies for a width of 0.55m (or 0.85m with natural ventilation) in excess of 1.65m for residential developments;
- (c) Communal sky gardens in residential developments and communal podium gardens in non-domestic developments; and
- (d) Acoustic fins, sunshades, reflectors, wing walls, wind catchers and funnels.

We will announce further items for such exemption as and when they have been identified by the standing inter-departmental working group on green and innovative buildings chaired by the Director of Buildings.

Meanwhile, we are examining criteria for fast track processing of building proposals incorporating green features. The extra manpower required to process such proposals will be absorbed by existing resources.

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WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION

Head : 82 Buildings Department

Subhead(No. & title) :

Programme : Buildings and Building Works

Controlling Officer : Director of Buildings

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Planning and Lands

Question : The Brief Description 6 of the Programme stated that a mandatory requirement for the provision of space for refuse sorting in new buildings will be implemented. What are the specific details of this requirement and the time schedule for its implementation? What will be the progress in the financial year 2001-02?

Asked by : Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung

Reply :

The Buildings (Amendment) Ordinance 2000 (Ordinance No. 39 of 2000) provides that space shall be provided for the separation of waste and for material recovery in new domestic, commercial and industrial buildings. Under this legislation, which came into operation on 1 November 2000, larger refuse storage chambers are required to be provided in new domestic and commercial buildings to allow for material recovery in such chambers. Requirements are also made for the provision of material recovery chambers in new industrial buildings.

To encourage the sorting of waste at source, the Building (Planning) Regulations have also been amended at the same time such that refuse storage and material recovery rooms provided on individual floors are not accountable for the calculation of permissible gross floor area.

In 2001/02, the Buildings Department will continue to ensure that these requirements are observed when processing plans for new buildings.

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PLB045

Question Serial No.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Head : 82 Buildings Department

Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : Buildings and Building Works

Controlling Officer : Director of Buildings

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Planning and Lands

Question : The Brief Description 8 of the Programme stated that green features will be exempted from the calculation of gross floor area. What are the specific details of the green features as specified in the Brief Description. What will be the impact of this measure on Government's financial position?

Asked by : Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung

Reply :

The Administration announced the first package of incentives for the construction of green buildings on 27 February this year through the Joint Practice Note No.1 issued by the Buildings Department, Lands Department and Planning Department. Subject to certain specific conditions, the following green features may be exempted from the calculation of gross floor area (GFA) and site coverage in new building proposals:

- (a) Balconies not exceeding 2m² or 4% of the Usable Floor Space (as stipulated under the Building (Planning) Regulations) subject to a maximum of 5m² for residential flats;
- (b) Common corridors for a width of 0.6m (or 1m with natural ventilation) in excess of 1.2m and common lift lobbies for a width of 0.55m (or 0.85m with natural ventilation) in excess of 1.65m for residential developments;
- (c) Communal sky gardens in residential developments and communal podium gardens in non-domestic developments; and
- (d) Acoustic fins, sunshades, reflectors, wing walls, wind catchers and funnels.

Under the current land administration policy, a premium will be payable to government when there is a restriction under the lease conditions on the maximum permissible GFA and there is an increase in land value. The measure should therefore have a relatively small, but positive impact on land revenue.

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PLB046

Question Serial No.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Head : 82 Buildings Department

Subhead(No. & title) :

Programme : Buildings and Building Works

Controlling Officer : Director of Buildings

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Planning and Lands / Secretary for Housing

Question : During 2001-02, will the Department take forward any reforms in the area of its work to encourage the construction of “disabled friendly” buildings which are accessible to people with disabilities? If yes, what are the details of that?

Asked by : Hon Cyd HO Shau-lan

Reply :

The Third Schedule to the Building (Planning) Regulations (Cap 123, sub leg F) provides for the mandatory provision of access and other facilities in buildings for persons with a locomotive disability, as well as other facilities to assist the visually impaired and the hearing impaired. These are specified, together with additional recommended “disability-friendly” facilities, in the Design Manual: Barrier Free Access 1997 issued by the Buildings Department.

In March 2000, the Building Authority specified the access requirement in a Practice Note for Authorized Persons and Registered Structural Engineers. Under this requirement, provision of access to a building for persons with a disability should be at points where persons with a disability would have easy access from a street which is accessible to such persons.

The Buildings Department also conducts random checks to identify any removal of facilities for the disabled in existing private buildings. This has proved to be effective.

The department will continue to keep the existing requirements and practices under review.

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Question Serial No.

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Examination of draft Estimates of Expenditure 2001-02

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 82 Building Department Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : Buildings and Building Works

Controlling Officer : Director of Building

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Planning and Lands

Question : Please state the progress of the Co-ordinated Maintenance of Buildings Scheme.

Asked by : Hon IP Kwok-him

Reply :

Since the pilot Co-ordinated Maintenance of Buildings Scheme commenced in November 2000, inspections to identify the necessary improvement/repair works in all the 150 selected buildings have been completed. Participating departments have all given positive support to the scheme. Owners of 141 buildings have already been notified of details of the required improvement/repair works.

By the end of February, the Buildings Department had organized a series of briefing sessions for owners and owners' corporations (OC) of 40 selected buildings to acquaint them of the extent, scope and nature of the requisite improvement/repair works. More meetings and briefing sessions are being arranged through the Home Affairs Department for owners/OCs of the remaining selected buildings to ensure that these improvement/repair works are clearly understood and appreciated by them.

The Department intends to review the effectiveness of the pilot scheme towards the end of 2001, in the light of the experience gained.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 82 Buildings Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: Buildings and Building Works

Controlling Officer: Director of Buildings

Bureau Secretary: Secretary for Planning and Lands

Question: Buildings Department plans to create a more supportive regulatory environment through amendment of the Buildings Ordinance. I would like to ask:

1. What are the Department's expectations of the ideal regulatory environment?
2. Buildings Department is not a department that can be operated independently. Co-operation with various departments or bodies is required in order to achieve its objectives. How can the Department ensure that adequate communication will be maintained between these departments?
3. What resources are required for this scheme?

Asked by: Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him

Reply:

1. In the view of the Buildings Department (BD), a supportive regulatory environment is one in which the regulator and building professionals work closely and effectively with each other to provide a safe, healthy and environmentally friendly built environment for the public. It is in this context that we are currently conducting a comprehensive review of the Buildings Ordinance, and seeking ways to broaden the scope for the adoption of innovative design and technology in the construction of buildings.
2. The Buildings Department (BD) operates a centralised system of processing building plans to ensure that all interested government departments and public bodies concerned are consulted on those proposals. This enables BD to assume a coordinating role in cases where there are differences of views among the departments and bodies concerned. BD is in dialogue with the building professionals and industry to make further improvements in the system for the processing of building plans.

3. We will continue to use existing resources in carrying out the above tasks.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 82 Buildings Department Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : Buildings and Building Works

Controlling Officer : Director of Buildings

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Planning and Lands

Question : The provision for “hire of services and professional fees” and “contract maintenance” in 2001-02 will be increased by 25.5% and 103.6% respectively when compared to those of last year. Can the government advise the Council :

- (a) What is the reason behind the comparatively higher provision for the above two items? How much in the increased provisions is for the clearance of unauthorised building works on external walls of buildings? How much is for the clearance of illegal rooftop structures? And how much is for the control of advertisement signboards?
- (b) Please provide information on the uses of the provision for the above two items and on the breakdown of estimated expenses for each of the uses.

Asked by : Hon IP Kwok-him

Reply : (a) Hire of services and professional fees -

The main reason for the increase of 25.5% from \$3.87 M (2000-01 revised Estimate) to \$4.86 M (2001-02 draft Estimate) is the employment of additional temporary clerical staff to meet the expected increase in workload in the Buildings Department's new building safety and maintenance initiatives.

Contract Maintenance :

The increase of 103.6% from \$2.96 M (2000-01 revised Estimate) to \$6.03 M (2001-02 draft Estimate) is mainly due to the additional provision of \$2 M for the removal of abandoned and dangerous advertisement signboards.

None of the increase in financial provision in these two items is for the clearance of unauthorised building works on external walls of buildings or the clearance of illegal rooftop structures.

- (b) Hire of services and professional fees includes hire of temporary clerical support services and expenditure incurred in emergency and investigation works. Contract maintenance includes maintenance fees on furniture and equipment and employment of contractors to remove advertisement signboards. The breakdown of expenses in 2001-02 is as follows :

	2001-02
<u>Hire of Services and Professional Fees</u>	<u>\$'000</u>
Hire of temporary clerical support services	4,358
Emergency and investigation works	<u>500</u>
	<u>4,858</u>
	2001-02
<u>Contract Maintenance</u>	<u>\$'000</u>
Maintenance fees on furniture & equipment	1,000
Removal of dangerous/abandoned advertisement signboards	<u>5,030</u>
	<u>6,030</u>

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Head : 82 Buildings Department Subhead.(No. & title) :

Programme : Buildings and Building Works

Controlling Officer : Director of Buildings

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Planning and Lands

Question : Please provide details of the following items under Subhead 700:

- (a) In respect of Item 005 "Study on steel corrosion and material deterioration in reinforced concrete buildings", a sum of \$34,427,000 has been spent up to 31 March 2000, while the revised estimated expenditure for the item for 2000-01 is \$458,000. What is the estimated expenditure of the study for the coming year and its latest position?
- (b) In respect of Item 014 on "In-situ tests on cantilevered slab canopies", the revised estimated expenditure for 2000-01 is \$3,200,000. What are the details of this expenditure?
- (c) In respect of Item 018 "Pilot project on electronic imaging of building records", the revised estimated expenditure for 2000-01 is \$4,250,000. What are the details of this expenditure?

Asked by : Hon CHAN Yuen-han

- Reply :
- (a) The revised estimated expenditure for the study on steel corrosion and material deterioration (Subhead 700 Item 005) for 2000-01 is \$4,580,000 (instead of \$458,000 as mentioned in the question). Expenditure up to 31 March 2000 is \$34,427,000. The study was completed in January 2001, earlier than originally planned. According to our latest information, about \$3,580,000 will be spent on the study in 2000-01, making a total expenditure of \$38,007,000, which is within the approved commitment of \$40,000,000.
 - (b) The approved commitment of the item 014 under sub-head 700 is \$5,700,000, and the revised estimated expenditure in 2000-01 is \$3,200,000. In 2000-01 the Buildings Department (BD) conducted initial inspections on cantilevered slab canopies to identify those requiring in-situ tests to determine their factor of safety. A total of \$1,600,000 was expended on such tests during this period. The inspection work is expected to complete by August 2001. BD will use the remaining

- (c) provision of Item 014 to conduct in-situ tests on problematic canopies in 2001-02 and 2002-03. It is estimated that we will need to carry out tests to some 480 cantilevered slab canopies.
- (d) BD keeps a repository of records of all private buildings in Hong Kong, which amount to about 2.7 million approved building plans and 17.8 million calculation sheets. In discharging their duties in building control, BD officers have to make frequent reference to these records. Apart from this, we receive 2 000 to 3 000 applications per month from the public to view and copy these records.

At present these records are paper based or on microfilms and retrieval is done manually. We have commenced a pilot project in February 2001 to test the feasibility of the provision of a more efficient and cost effective storage and retrieval system of these records through electronic means. This project covers building records in the Yau Tsim district. About 140 000 approved building plans and 1.2 million calculation sheets will be converted into electronic images and a computer system will be set up for the storage, retrieval, viewing and printing of these electronic images. The provision of \$4.25 million will be used for the conversion of records and the setting up of the computer system for this pilot project.

We will review the pilot project in the latter half of 2001 and will consider if the system should be extended to cover all private buildings in Hong Kong.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Head : 82 Buildings Department Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : Buildings and Building Works

Controlling Officer : Director of Buildings

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Planning and Lands

Question : The Government estimated that the number of composite buildings inspected for improvement of fire safety measures would be 900 in 2001. What is the reason for this? What are the estimated number of additional staff and resources required to implement the improvement?

Asked by : Hon CHAN Yuen-han

Reply : Following fires at a number of old residential/commercial composite buildings, the Administration is committed to improving the fire safety of such buildings. It has therefore earmarked an additional \$13 M to employ 47 contract staff to inspect old composite buildings for improvement of fire safety measures.

The Administration has also recently introduced into the Legislative Council the Fire Safety (Buildings) Bill to empower Director of Buildings and Director of Fire Services to issue directions to require that improvements be made in the fire safety measures in old composite buildings. Once the necessary legislation is passed, government will use the additional manpower to continue inspecting old composite buildings and to issue and enforce directions under the proposed legislation for improvement of fire safety measures.

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Examination of draft Estimates of Expenditure 2001-02**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**Head : 91 Lands DepartmentSubhead (No. & title) : —Programme : (1) Land AdministrationControlling Officer : Director of LandsBureau Secretary : Secretary for Planning and Lands

Question : How many black spots on private land and on government land does the Lands Department plan to clear in the year 2001-02? Please list the locations of the black spots on private land and on government land respectively, and the manpower and expenditure required.

Asked by : Hon WONG Yung-kan

Reply : In the year 2001-02, the Task Force (Black Spots) (TFB) of the Department plans to clear about 100 black spots on private land and 90 black spots on Government land. The details are shown below:

Location	<i>No. of sites on</i>	
	Private Land	Government Land
North District East	6	2
Ha Tsuen and Lau Fau Shan	40	3
Mai Po and Tai Sang Wai	1	-
San Tin	8	15
Yuen Long/Tuen Mun Corridor :		
• Yuen Long Section	10	10
• Tuen Mun Section	-	10
Kwu Tung/Kam Tsin	11	10
Kwu Tung and Man Kam To	5	-
Ngau Tam Mei	-	10
Tai Po Road/Fung Yuen	12	-
Shap Pat Heung	7	-
Other areas (including Yuen Long, Tuen Mun, North District, Tsuen Wan, Sha Tin, Sai Kung and Lantau)	-	30
Total :	100	90

In addition, the TFB will follow up with those black spots previously cleared by granting short term tenancies or short term waivers to the site owners/occupiers, coordinate with concerned parties and government departments to deal with illegal dumping, and identify and dispose of suitable sites for port back-up and open storage uses.

The improvements on private land are to be undertaken and financed by the owners. The TFB has an existing strength of 147 staff involving an estimated recurrent provision of about \$50.5 million and non-recurrent provision of \$16.5 million.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 91 Lands Department Subhead(No. & title) : 221 – Clearance of Government
land – ex-gratia allowances

Programme : (1) Land Administration

Controlling Officer : Director of Lands

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Planning and Lands

Question : Would the Government inform this Council:

Compared with 290 cases handled last year, it is planned that 190 environmental black spots on private and Government land in the New Territories will be cleared this year. Why does the figure drop by more than 1/3?

Asked by : Hon. IP Kwok-him

Reply : The annual target was set having regard to the average annual achievement over the period since the establishment of the Task Force (Black Spot) (TFB) in 1994, although the TFB has strived to attain achievements above the set target. Achievement in the last year has been above average due to TFB taking on ad hoc duties to assist in the clearance of illegal dumping on government land and to carry out landscaping works afterwards on appropriate sites.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 91 Lands Department Subhead(No. & title) : 842 – Cleaning up of black spots in NT (block vote)

Programme : (1) Land Administration

Controlling Officer : Director of Lands

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Planning and Lands

Question : It is estimated that 190 black spots on private and Government land in the New Territories will be cleared in 2001. Compared with 290 in 2000, the number is smaller. Yet, the applied provision in 2001 is \$16.5 million, which is higher than the \$15 million in 2000. Why?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Ping-cheung

Reply : The level of expenditure is affected by both the number of black spots to be cleared and the scope of works to be carried out on individual government sites. In 2001-02, apart from clearance of black spots, we plan to carry out infrastructural works (such as drainage impact assessment, road improvements and water mains diversion, etc.) at some specific locations for the purpose of making land available for port back-up or open storage uses. We anticipate that an additional expenditure of \$1.8 million will be required for these infrastructural works.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Head : 91 Lands Department

Subhead(No. & title) : —

Programme : (1) Land Administration

Controlling Officer : Director of Lands

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Planning and Lands

Question : How many small house applications are outstanding? Will the administration allocate more resources to process these outstanding cases?

Asked by : Hon WONG Yung-kan

Reply : At present, there are about 15 000 outstanding small house applications, of which 6 500 are being processed and the remaining 8 500 are on the waiting list pending processing. Since June 1999, the Lands Department has adopted the 'workshop' approach in processing the applications in some districts where there are the largest number of outstanding cases. Under this approach, applications are processed by batches according to their complexity and locality through dedicated workshops comprising a pool of officers in the respective District Lands Office. These measures have helped to expedite the processing of outstanding cases. In view of the various work commitments of the Department in respect of land disposal, acquisition, lease enforcement and land control, it is not possible for the Department to deploy additional resources to deal with small house applications. However, the Department will continue to review its working procedure so as to further streamline the application process.

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Question Serial No.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 91 Lands Department

Subhead(No. & title) : —

Programme : (1) Land Administration

Controlling Officer : Director of Lands

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Planning and Lands

Question : In each of the past three years, how long on average did it take from the receipt of a small house application to its approval and how much did such processing cost? What is the target processing time for the coming year? Are there any ways to speed up the process and to reduce the operating cost?

Asked by : Dr the Hon TANG Siu-tong

Reply : The processing of a small house application takes an average of about 45 months, i.e. from receipt of the application to execution of the land grant documentation. For more complicated cases where, for example, site formation works are necessary, emergency vehicular access is difficult and title problems arise, the processing time is longer.

The average cost of processing an application is \$25,500.

In 2001, the Department's target is to approve 1 200 small house applications. The Department will keep its working procedure under review so as to further streamline the application process.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 91 Lands Department

Subhead(No. & title) : —

Programme : (1) Land Administration

Controlling Officer : Director of Lands

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Planning and Lands

Question : Lands Department plans to approve 1 200 small house applications in the year of 2001-02 which is 14.7% less than the number of applications approved last year. Why? How many small house applications are outstanding at present?

Asked by : Hon. TAM Yiu-chung

Reply : Lands Department's target for 2001 is to approve 1 200 small house applications. It has not set a higher target when compared with the actual number of applications approved (1 407 cases) in 2000 as many of the outstanding cases are more complex. They may involve issues such as site and land title problems. These cases inevitably will take longer time to process.

At present there are about 15 000 outstanding small house applications. Around 6 500 are under processing with the remaining 8 500 on the waiting list.

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Question Serial No.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 91 Lands Department

Subhead (No. & title) : —

Programme : (1) Land Administration

Controlling Officer : Director of Lands

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Planning and Lands

Question : Of the 21 839 flats estimated to be built on land granted via private treaties in 2001, what are the numbers in the various types of premises? Compared with the 5 779 flats completed last year, it will increase to almost four-fold. Why, and the details?

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Yuen-han

Reply : A breakdown of the estimated production of 21 839 flats arising from private treaty grants to be made in 2001 is as follows:

<u>Land grant to</u>	<u>Estimated flat production</u>
Hong Kong Housing Authority	12 898
Mass Transit Railway Corporation	5 576
Other parties (e.g. Hong Kong Housing Society)	<u>3 365</u>
Total :	21 839

The estimate for 2001 represents a significant increase over the actual figure of 5 779 flats for 2000. This is due largely to the need to complete a larger number of land grants for committed Home Ownership Scheme projects and for the Mass Transit Railway-related projects at Tseung Kwan O.

The actual completion of some of these flats will be phased over many years.

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Question Serial No.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 91 Lands Department Subhead (No. & title) : 221 – Clearance of Government
land – ex-gratia allowances

Programme : (1) Land Administration

Controlling Officer : Director of Lands

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Planning and Lands

Question : Under Subhead 221, a sum of \$30,026,000 is reserved for ex-gratia allowance payable to persons cleared from Government land other than in the course of clearances required for public works projects. Would the Government advise us of the contents of the new clearance works and the reasons for the substantial increase (50.2%) over the revised estimate for 2000-01?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Ping-cheung

Reply : The Government has reserved \$30,026,000 under Subhead 221 in 2001-02 for the payment of ex-gratia allowances in connection with non-public works projects. The ex-gratia allowances include: domestic removal allowances to be paid by Housing Department for the clearance of temporary housing areas and cottage areas (e.g. Sha Kok Mei Temporary Housing Area and the Fo Tan Cottage Area); payments for the removal of crops, graves etc.; and other allowances in connection with land clearance for land sales and land allocations for the implementation of minor environmental improvement projects.

The substantial increase compared to 2000-01 is largely due to the inclusion of ex-gratia allowances for some large-scale clearance projects, such as the clearance of four cottage areas and three temporary housing areas by Housing Department in late 2001.

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Question Serial No.

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WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 91 Lands Department

Subhead (No. & title) : —

Programme : (1) Land Administration

Controlling Officer : Director of Lands

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Planning and Lands

Question : In the area of Land Acquisition, the estimate for Public Works Programme Projects has increased substantially over that of last year. Would the Government set out the major projects and the land required for as well as the compensation involved in each of these projects?

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Kam-lam

Reply : Estimated land resumption costs for major projects such as the development of a theme park at Penny's Bay, Lantau Island (\$2,500 million mainly for the resumption and clearance of 19.18 ha of private land) and the construction of the proposed Route 10 section between northeastern Lantau and Yuen Long (\$140 million mainly for the resumption and clearance of 3.57 ha of private land) have been included in the estimate for 2001-02. These costs account for the substantial increase over the original estimate for 2000-01.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Head : 91 Lands Department

Subhead(No. & title) : 003 – Recoverable
Salaries and
allowances

Programme : (1) Land Administration

Controlling Officer : Director of Lands

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Planning and Lands

Question : The Urban Renewal Authority (URA) will be set up to proceed with redevelopment projects. What are the estimated additional costs incurred in the resumption of land for handing over to URA for redevelopment?

Asked by : Hon CHAN Kam-lam

Reply : At present, there is a Lands Department team of 30 staff who carry out resumption work for projects of the Lands Development Corporation (LDC). The costs involved are recovered from the LDC. When the Urban Renewal Authority (URA) comes into being, it is expected that this team will undertake resumption work for the projects of the new URA. The estimated costs, in the form of recoverable salaries and allowances for this team under Head 91 amount to \$14.775 million in 2001-02. These costs are to be met by the LDC or URA as appropriate. It is not anticipated that there will be additional costs involved in carrying out resumption work for the URA in 2001-02.

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Question Serial No.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 91 Lands Department

Subhead(No. & title) : 003 – Recoverable salaries
and allowances

Programme : (1) Land Administration

Controlling Officer : Director of Lands

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Planning and Lands

Question : Regarding the provision of \$14,775,000 under Subhead 003 for salaries of 30 staff to manage the clearance activities for the redevelopment programme of the LDC or the future URA, will the Administration advise us details of the provision, such as the period covered by these salaries?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Ping-cheung

Reply : At present, there is a Lands Department team of 30 staff who carry out resumption work for projects of the Lands Development Corporation (LDC). The costs involved are recovered from the LDC. When the Urban Renewal Authority (URA) comes into being, it is expected that this team will undertake resumption work for the projects of the new URA. The estimated costs, in the form of recoverable salaries and allowances for this team under Head 91 amount to \$14.775 million in 2001-02. These costs are to be met by the LDC or URA as appropriate.

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Question Serial No.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Head : 91 Lands Department Subhead (No. & title) : 003 – Recoverable Salaries
and allowances

Programme : (1) Land Administration

Controlling Officer : Director of Lands

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Planning and Lands

Question :

In the next two decades, the Lands Department will process land resumption to make land available for more than 200 redevelopment projects to be launched by the future Urban Renewal Authority. Will the Administration advise this Council:

- (a) in detail the additional manpower required by the Lands Department for this commitment in the coming year; and
- (b) the arrangement for the additional manpower if the Urban Renewal Authority fails to be established as scheduled?

Asked by : Hon. IP Kwok-him

Reply :

- (a) At present, there is a Lands Department team of 30 staff who carry out resumption work for projects of the Lands Development Corporation (LDC). The costs involved are recovered from the LDC. When the Urban Renewal Authority (URA) comes into being, it is expected that this team will undertake resumption work for the projects of the new URA. The estimated costs, in the form of recoverable salaries and allowances for this team under Head 91 amount to \$14.775 million in 2001-02. These costs are to be met by the LDC or URA as appropriate. No additional manpower will be provided in the coming year.
- (b) If the URA fails to be established, the existing team will be retained for a period of about one year for the purpose of completing the on-going LDC resumption exercises and processing the outstanding compensation claims arising from existing LDC projects. Whether or not the staff will be required after this period will depend on LDC's future redevelopment plans.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY WRITTEN QUESTION**

Head 110 – Territory Development Department Subhead(No. & title) :

Programme : Provision of Land and Infrastructure

Controlling Officer : Director of Territory Development

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Planning and Lands

Question : Please list out the locations and land uses of the 95 hectares of land planned to be formed in the coming year.

Asked by : Hon Wong Yung-kan

Reply : Of the 95 ha. of land to be formed by Territory Development Department in 2001, the majority of it is located at Kai Tak, North Lantau, Tseung Kwan O, Tuen Mun and Fanling. This will provide land mainly for housing, roads, open space, industry and Government Institution and Community uses.

The locations of the sites and their respective areas are listed below :-

<u>Location</u>	<u>Approximate Area (ha.)</u>
Tseung Kwan O Areas 67, 68, 72 & 137	28
Kai Tak (decontaminated area)	19
Foothills Bypass, Tuen Mun	16
Fanling Areas 30B and 36	16
North Lantau, Tung Chung Phase IIIA	12
Others (Shatin Areas 4C & 38A, Peng Chau Areas 1 & 2)	4
Total	95

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Question Serial No.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY WRITTEN QUESTION

Head : 110 - Territory Development Department Subhead(No. & title) :

Programme : (1) Provision of Land and Infrastructure

Controlling Officer : Director of Territory Development

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Planning and Lands

Question : I am of the knowledge that Government is carrying out a study on the design of Western Coast Road in Tseung Kwan O. How does the study progress and how much expenditure does it involve?

Asked by : Hon Fred LI Wah-ming, JP

Reply : We completed a feasibility study for the Western Coast Road (WCR) in 1999 that recommended a coastal alignment from Cha Kwo Ling through Yau Tong and Lei Yue Mun to Tseung Kwan O. The expenditure on the study was \$9.9 million.

In view of the public concerns on the impact of the coastal alignment of WCR on the environment and the Lei Yue Mun Villages, we carried out two studies to investigate how to minimise such impacts and whether a tunnel alignment for WCR is feasible. We completed these two studies in November last year, at a cost of some \$2.3 million.

Based on the findings of these studies, we will work out the optimum alignment for WCR together with the proposed further expansion of Tseung Kwan O New Town through an integrated planning and engineering study which is planned to commence in early 2002 for completion in late 2003.

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Name in block letters H. K. WONG

Post Title Director of Territory Development

Date 14 March 2001

Bureau Serial No.

PLB067

Question Serial No.

1134

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY WRITTEN QUESTION**

Head 110 - Territory Development Department Subhead(No. & title) :

Programme : Advice on Development Proposals

Controlling Officer : Director of Territory Development

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Planning and Lands

Question : With regard to TDD giving advice to departments such as Buildings Department, Lands Department and Planning Department on lease conditions, Town Planning Board applications, master development plans, in the past year, how many proposals provided by TDD were adopted? How many were rejected? How much resources was involved in performing this function of TDD?

Asked by : Hon LAU Ping-cheung

Reply : Lands Department, Planning Department and Buildings Department request advice from the Territory Development Department (TDD), on engineering aspects in respect of lease conditions, planning applications and building development proposals. TDD's advice is generally well accepted by the concerned departments. However, the decisions to approve/reject proposals are made by relevant authorities/committees taking into account advice from various departments including TDD. It is therefore difficult to pinpoint which specific advice from TDD was accepted or rejected. The number of outline development plans, private development proposals and planning applications examined by TDD in the past year was 2281.

For the performance of the above advisory function in the past year, \$47.5 million was expended by TDD to cover staff salaries and departmental expenses.

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Post Title Director of Territory Development

Date 16 March 2001

Bureau Serial No.

PLB068

Question Serial No.

0679

Examination of draft Estimates of Expenditure 2001-02
CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN QUESTION

Head : 118 - Planning Department

Programme : (1) – Territorial and Sub-regional Planning

Controlling Officer : Director of Planning

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Planning & Lands

Question : Please list the consultancy studies that the Planning Department entrusts consultants to commission in 2001-02 and the estimated expenditure in respect of each study in the year.

Asked by : Hon Eric LI Ka-cheung, J.P.

Reply : In 2001-02, a provision of \$30,954,000 is allocated under Subhead 700 – *General other non-recurrent* for undertaking major consultancy studies, and \$7,684,000 is allocated under Subhead 838 – *Minor consultancy studies (block vote)* for undertaking minor consultancy studies costing between \$50,000 and \$3,000,000 each. The titles and costs of the consultancy studies under Subhead 700 and Subhead 838 are at Annexes 1 and 2 respectively.

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Bureau Serial No.

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Question Serial No.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN QUESTION**

Head : 118 - Planning Department

Programme : (1) – Territorial and Sub-regional Planning

Controlling Officer : Director of Planning

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Planning & Lands

Question : In 2001-02, a provision of \$7,684,000 (block vote) is allocated under Subhead 838 for undertaking minor consultancy studies. Would the Administration :

- (a) provide a table setting out the information on the purpose, scope, reason for engaging consultant in the study, duration and expenditure of each consultancy study in 2000-01 and 2001-02?
- (b) advise if the Planning Department has any internal guidelines governing the appointment of consultants as well as the requirements and expenditure for each study? If yes, can the Department provide this Council with a copy of the guidelines for reference? If no, can the Department promptly draw up such guidelines or work out a specific decision-making process to handle matters relating to the appointment of consultants?

Asked by : Hon IP Kwok-him

- Reply :
- (a) The requested information is set out in the table at the Annex.
 - (b) Selection of consultants for consultancy studies and surveys is carried out in accordance with the procedures of the Engineering and Associated Consultants Selection Board (EACSB) as specified in the EACSB Handbook or the provisions in the Stores and Procurement Regulations. The EACSB Handbook can be found at the web site of the Civil Engineering Department (<http://www.info.gov.hk/ced>). Relevant chapters of the EACSB Handbook and the Stores and Procurement Regulations have been forwarded to the Legislative Council Secretariat for Members' reference.

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One of the major responsibilities of the Planning Department is to undertake planning studies and surveys to facilitate decision-making on planning and development issues. As a rule, planning studies and surveys are entrusted to consultants when there is a need for :

- specialist input, expert advice and independent views on planning and other related issues;
- making recommendations independent of the existing government set-up and policies; and/or
- supplementing existing in-house staff resources to cope with the high demand for planning studies and surveys and expediting the study process.

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Minor consultancy studies in 2000-01 and 2001-02

<i>Name of study</i>	<i>Purpose</i>	<i>Scope</i>	<i>Reason for engaging consultant to conduct the study</i>	<i>Duration of study</i>	<i>Estimated expenditure in</i>		<i>Methods employed in the selection of consultant</i>
					<i>2000-01 \$'000</i>	<i>2001-02 \$'000</i>	
Preparation of Urban Design Guidelines for Hong Kong	To promote urban design considerations in the development process.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To cover major urban design issues in Hong Kong; To formulate broad guidelines for design issues and preparation of layouts; and To propose implementation mechanism 	Extensive experience and specialized expertise on urban design is required.	The study is in progress and is targeted for completion in 2001.	247	427	Selection of consultants through open competition/ tender in accordance with the procedures of the Engineering and Associated Consultants Selection Board (EACSB).
Study on Revitalisation of Tai O	To formulate a planning strategy to revitalise Tai O with emphasis on exploring the tourism/recreation development potential while conserving the existing rural and natural landscape character.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planning study to formulate a planning strategy to revitalise Tai O 	Lack of in-house expertise to carry out a study of multi-disciplinary nature involving planning, tourism, heritage preservation, traffic, environmental and engineering aspects etc.	The study is in progress and is targeted for completion in mid 2001.	497	945	Selection of consultants through open competition/ tender in accordance with EACSB's procedures.

<i>Name of study</i>	<i>Purpose</i>	<i>Scope</i>	<i>Reason for engaging consultant to conduct the study</i>	<i>Duration of study</i>	<i>Estimated expenditure in</i>		<i>Methods employed in the selection of consultant</i>
					<i>2000-01 \$'000</i>	<i>2001-02 \$'000</i>	
Study on Village Improvements and Upgrading of Lei Yue Mun Area	To formulate a planning framework in optimising the development potential of the Lei Yue Mun Area with special emphasis on tourism development; and to improve and upgrade the environment of the area having regard to its special character.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To formulate a preferred long-term development plan with interim improvement proposals; and To identify broad requirements of infrastructural and environmental improvement works, proposed framework and estimated cost for implementation. 	Consultants with multi-disciplinary expertise are required for implementation of the study.	The study is in progress and is targeted for completion in 2001.	671	736	Selection of consultants through open competition/ tender in accordance with EACSB's procedures.
2nd Survey to Ascertain the Parameters for Forecasting Employment Distribution	To ascertain the parameters for forecasting employment distribution such as worker density and occupancy rate.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To conduct surveys of some 20,000 non-residential rateable units of selected usage types completed on or after January 1970. 	Necessary manpower resources not available in-house.	The survey was commissioned in January 2000 and completed in November 2000	2,090	NA	Open tender through Government gazette and in accordance with the procedures laid down in Chapter III of the Stores and Procurement Regulations.

<i>Name of study</i>	<i>Purpose</i>	<i>Scope</i>	<i>Reason for engaging consultant to conduct the study</i>	<i>Duration of study</i>	<i>Estimated expenditure in</i>		<i>Methods employed in the selection of consultant</i>
					<i>2000-01 \$'000</i>	<i>2001-02 \$'000</i>	
Study to Examine Ways to Centralise and Disseminate Planning Data	To review the needs and use of planning data for the various types of strategic planning studies and district planning; and to recommend an appropriate infrastructure to facilitate the centralisation and dissemination of these planning data for more efficient use in the Planning Department.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To review the current workflow of collecting, compiling, editing and updating of planning data; • To recommend a technical solution to provide a centralised and integrated infrastructure for data management and dissemination; • To recommend organisation mechanism in managing and maintaining the integrated database infrastructure; and • To propose different types of planning data that are useful to the public and the most efficient method of dissemination. 	The study requires experts in relational database management and spatial database management. As the Planning Department does not have sufficient resources and expertise in carrying out this type of work which is highly specialised, the employment of consultant to conduct the study is required.	The study commenced in February 2000 and is targeted for completion in end April 2001.	2,650	200	Selection of consultant followed the procedures laid down in Chapter IV of the Stores and Procurement Regulations and supplementary instructions.

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					<i>2000-01 \$'000</i>	<i>2001-02 \$'000</i>	
Study to Analyse Broad Land Use Pattern of Hong Kong	To analyse the broad land use pattern of Hong Kong and produce the Land Utilisation Plan, and Land Usage Table which is attached to the Hong Kong Annual Report.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To review the current land use classifications; • To produce the broad land use pattern by using remote sensing, satellite images and geographic information system (GIS) techniques; • To recommend cost-effective method for updating; and • To provide training and technology transfer to facilitate future updating by the Planning Department. 	The study requires experts in remote sensing, interpretation of satellite images and GIS. As the Planning Department has no expertise in remote sensing and interpretation of satellite images, employment of consultant to conduct the study is required.	The study was commissioned in 2000-01 and will be completed by end March 2001	813	NA	Selection of consultant followed the procedures laid down in Chapter II of the Stores and Procurement Regulations and supplementary instructions.

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					<i>2000-01 \$'000</i>	<i>2001-02 \$'000</i>	
Thematic Household Survey on Aspiration and Experience of taking up Residence in the Mainland of China	To find out Hong Kong residents' aspirations and experiences of taking up residence in the Mainland, to provide inputs to the study on 'Hong Kong 2030 : Planning Vision and Strategy'.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To conduct face-to-face interviews with some 10,000 households of HK residents. 	Undertaken as part of the Census and Statistics Department's (C&SDs) thematic household survey in 2 nd quarter of 2001'. C&SD's contractor is tasked to carry out the interviews.	The survey was launched in March 2001 and is targeted for completion in Sept. 2001	240	340	Open tender through Government gazette and in accordance with the procedures laid down in Chapter III of the Stores and Procurement Regulations.
Focus Study on Aberdeen Harbour	To establish the planning framework for optimizing the development potential of the area with particular emphasis on its potential for tourism, recreation and other development opportunities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To undertake baseline review, develop various options, carry out technical assessments; and To formulate a recommended development plan to guide the future development in the area. 	No spare staff resources and lack of in-house expertise (particularly on the tourism & marine engineering aspects) to undertake the Study	The study will soon be launched and will take 12 months to complete	NA	2,044	Selection of consultants through open competition/ tender in accordance with EACSB's procedure.

<i>Name of study</i>	<i>Purpose</i>	<i>Scope</i>	<i>Reason for engaging consultant to conduct the study</i>	<i>Duration of study</i>	<i>Estimated expenditure in</i>		<i>Methods employed in the selection of consultant</i>
					<i>2000-01 \$'000</i>	<i>2001-02 \$'000</i>	
Cross Boundary Travel Survey 2001	To examine the general patterns of road, rail, sea and air based cross-boundary trips, the socio-economic characteristics of the trips makers and the commuting characteristics of drivers of cross-boundary vehicles.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To conduct some 50,000 interviews of trip makers at eight control points. 	Necessary manpower resources not available in-house.	The survey will be launched in November 2001 and is targeted for completion in March 2002.	NA	2,992	Open tender through Government gazette and in accordance with the procedures laid down in Chapter III of the stores and Procurement Regulations.
Total:					7,208	7,684	

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Head : 118 - Planning Department

Programme : (1) – Territorial and Sub-regional Planning

Controlling Officer : Director of Planning

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Planning & Lands

Question : Please provide details of the work programme and anticipated expenditure for the review of industrial and agricultural zones.

Asked by : Hon CHAN Kam-lam

Reply : The requested information is provided below :

(a) Industrial Land Review

The review of industrial land was undertaken in-house and required no additional provision. It was completed in September 2000. Out of the 504 ha of industrial land in the territory, the review recommended around 212 ha suitable for rezoning, of which about 165 ha were proposed for 'Business' use, while 47 ha for other non-industrial uses such as residential and commercial uses. The recommendations were endorsed by the Town Planning Board (TPB) in October 2000.

Based on the above recommendations, TPB has commenced amendments to the relevant Outline Zoning Plans e.g. Wong Chuk Hang, Kowloon Bay, Quarry Bay and Tsing Yi. It is anticipated that majority of the amendments would be carried out within the year 2001.

(b) Agricultural Land Review

Part of the agricultural land review, which was undertaken inhouse in connection with consultancy studies to identify New Development Areas (NDAs) in the North East and North West New Territories, has been completed. About 110 ha of agricultural land falling within the boundaries of the identified NDAs will be rezoned for other uses subject to the finalization of the NDA proposals. Another part of the review, which is also an in-house study targeted for completion by mid 2001, focuses on reviewing the suitability of the zoning of existing agricultural land in the rural New Territories. Planning guidelines will be prepared for rezoning the agricultural land no longer suitable for agricultural purposes to other uses. Zoning amendments will be published for public inspection and comment in accordance with the provisions of the Town Planning Ordinance.

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WRITTEN QUESTIONHead : 118 - Planning DepartmentProgramme : (1) – Territorial and Sub-regional PlanningControlling Officer : Director of PlanningBureau Secretary : Secretary for Planning & LandsQuestion : Would the Administration provide details on the review of the industrial and agricultural zones? When will the review be completed? How much provision has been allocated for the review?Asked by : Hon WONG Yung-kanReply : The requested information is provided below :(a) Industrial Land Review

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WRITTEN QUESTION

Head : 118 - Planning Department

Programme : (1) – Territorial and Sub-regional Planning

Controlling Officer : Director of Planning

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Planning & Lands

Question : Please give an account of the study on 'Formulation of a Master Plan and Implementation Strategy for the Development of an Arts District in the West Kowloon/Tsim Sha Tsui Area'. When will the study be launched and completed?

Asked by : Hon WONG Yung-kan

Reply : The study is to take forward the winning conceptual proposals from the concept plan competition for the development of an integrated arts, cultural and entertainment district at the southern tip of the West Kowloon Reclamation. It will commence after the results of this open competition are available, currently expected to be in early 2002. Depending on the scope of the study, which will be reviewed in the light of the results of the competition, the study is expected to take about 12 months to complete.

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WRITTEN QUESTION**

Head : 118 - Planning Department

Programme : (1) – Territorial and Sub-regional Planning

Controlling Officer : Director of Planning

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Planning & Lands

Question : What are the ranks, duties and salary scales of the five posts to be deleted under the Enhanced Productivity Programme? What are the details of the four posts to be created for implementation of the Railway Development Strategy 2000?

Asked by : Hon CHAN Yuen-han

Reply : The five posts to be deleted under Programme (1) as savings for the Enhanced Productivity Programme are two Senior Town Planners (STPs) and three Town Planners/Assistant Town Planners (TP/ATPs). The pay scale for these ranks is as follows:

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Master Pay Scale</u>
STP	45 – 49
TP/ATP	26 – 44 / 13-22

The main duties of the two STPs are to :

- (a) oversee the delivery of housing sites on the 13-year flat production programme prepared by the Steering Committee on Land Supply for Housing (HOUSCOM), by providing planning input to and coordinating planning actions among concerned District Planning Offices; and

- (b) manage the computerised database and related information systems for all housing sites to support the Planning Department and the Housing Bureau in monitoring and achieving the HOUSCOM flat production targets.

The main duties of the three TP/ATPs are to provide and process planning data and assist the two STPs in discharging their duties as mentioned above.

The deletion of the five posts will be made possible by a reorganisation of existing sections and redistribution of duties among existing staff of the Planning Department.

The four posts to be created in 2001-02 for implementation of the Railway Development Strategy 2000 are one STP, one TP/ATP and two Survey Officers/Survey Officer Trainees (Planning). The dedicated team will handle all planning activities relating to the three new rail projects, namely, the Island Line Extensions, the Kowloon Southern Link and the Shatin-Central Link, including the provision of inputs on urban design, landscape and visual impact assessment. The STP and TP/ATP will provide professional input pertaining to the implementation of the rail projects, while the two Survey Officers will be responsible for conducting research and analysis and providing technical support to the STP and TP/ATP. The four posts will be created in the latter half of the financial year 2001-02.

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WRITTEN QUESTION

Head : 118 - Planning Department

Programme : (2) – District Planning

Controlling Officer : Director of Planning

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Planning & Lands

Question : How much resources will the Administration reserve to tackle unauthorised developments in the rural New Territories?

Asked by : Hon WONG Yung-kan

Reply : Planning enforcement action against unauthorised developments in the rural New Territories is undertaken by the Central Enforcement and Prosecution Section of the Planning Department. At present, some 18 800 ha of land covered by 42 statutory town plans are subject to planning enforcement. In 2001-02, a total of 82 officers (including professionals, technical and general grades staff) will be deployed on enforcement and prosecution work in the Section. A provision of \$38.16 million will be allocated for sustaining the efforts in enforcement against unauthorised developments.

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WRITTEN QUESTION

Head : 118 - Planning Department

Programme : (2) – District Planning

Controlling Officer : Director of Planning

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Planning & Lands

Question : Why does the number of investigated reports on alleged unauthorised developments drop from 961 in 2000 to 650 in 2001?

Asked by : Hon WONG Yung-kan

Reply : As a combined result of the slow down in economy in recent years and the successful deterrent effects of enforcement and prosecution actions undertaken in preceding years, there is a forecast decline in the number of new unauthorised developments and the number of suspected unauthorised development cases to be investigated in 2001-02. We have however to maintain vigilance to ensure that our rural environment will not fall prey to unauthorised developments. Proactive enforcement action aiming at promulgating the enforcement provisions of the Town Planning Ordinance will be strengthened. Regular patrols will be conducted and extended with a view to keeping our rural environment under close monitoring and preventing proliferation of new unauthorised developments.

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WRITTEN QUESTION**

Head : 118 - Planning Department

Programme : (2) – District Planning

Controlling Officer : Director of Planning

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Planning & Lands

Question : What specific measures will the Planning Department adopt in assisting the establishment of the Urban Renewal Authority (URA)? What is the expenditure in this area?

Asked by : Hon CHAN Kam-lam

Reply : The following are key tasks undertaken by the Planning Department (PlanD) to assist the establishment of the URA:

- a) the PlanD has undertaken an Urban Renewal Strategy (URS) Study to establish a framework on how to re-plan and restructure the older urban areas. The Study has identified nine urban renewal target areas and 200 priority projects. Redevelopment, rehabilitation and preservation actions will be undertaken by the future URA as appropriate to renew and improve these areas;
- b) the PlanD has conducted a consultancy study on the financial assessment of the urban renewal programme, which comprises the 200 priority projects identified through the URS Study and the 25 uncompleted projects of the Land Development Corporation (LDC);
- c) the PlanD is assisting the Planning and Lands Bureau in the preparation of a draft URS which will set out the policy guidelines for the URA in the implementation of the urban renewal programme. The Government will consult the public on the draft URS before it is finalised;
- d) the PlanD is studying the planning and development parameters to be adopted for urban renewal projects. It is also tasked to identify rehousing sites for the URA; and
- e) the PlanD is working with relevant departments to identify buildings of historical, cultural and architectural interest in the nine urban renewal target areas which should be preserved.

The PlanD has a team of 21 staff who are funded by the LDC and are responsible for delivering the initiatives as mentioned above. The estimated expenditure for the team in 2001-02 is \$ 11.6 million.

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WRITTEN QUESTION

Head : 118 - Planning Department

Programme : (3) – Ordinance Review

Controlling Officer : Director of Planning

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Planning & Lands

Question : Under Programme (3), how many posts have been deleted as a result of the Enhanced Productivity Programme?

Asked by : Hon CHAN Yuen-han

Reply : The Planning Department has not deleted any posts from Programme (3) as a result of implementation of the Enhanced Productivity Programme (EPP). It has no plan to reduce the manpower allocated to Programme (3) in 2001-02 for the purpose of EPP.

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WRITTEN QUESTION

Head : 118 - Planning Department

Programme : (3) – Ordinance Review

Controlling Officer : Director of Planning

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Planning & Lands

Question : What is the estimated expenditure and the manpower required for the Planning Department to prepare the Town Planning Bill?

Asked by : Hon CHAN Yuen-han

Reply : The Planning Department estimates that about \$4.8 million will be required in 2001-02 for undertaking work relating to the review of the Town Planning Ordinance. The estimated expenditure is mainly for maintaining an Ordinance Review Unit in the Department. This Unit comprises three posts, namely one Senior Town Planner and two Town Planners/Assistant Town Planners. The work of the Unit is supervised by a Chief Town Planner and an Assistant Director who also oversee other areas of work in the Technical Services Division of the Department.

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Head : 701 Land Acquisition

Subhead (No. & title) : 1002CA – Compensation for surrenders and resumptions:
urban improvement districts: Yau Ma Tei, Wan
Chai and Western

1100CA – Compensation and ex-gratia allowances in respect
of projects in the Public Works Programme

Programme : —

Controlling Officer : Director of Lands

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Planning and Lands

- Question :
- (a) Regarding Subhead 1002CA, the original estimate for 2000-01 is \$30.78 million, but the revised estimate drops significantly to \$1 million. Why?
 - (b) Regarding Subhead 1100CA, the estimated expenditure for 2001-02 is higher than the revised estimated expenditure for 2000-01. What are the reasons, in detail, for this?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Shin-shek

- Reply :
- (a) For Subhead 1002CA, Leisure and Cultural Services Department, established after the dissolution of the former Provisional Urban Council (PUC), had to review the development programmes of the former PUC projects. Owing to programme adjustment of two major projects, namely (i) Proposed Public Open Space development at Kwok Hing Lane and Ui On Lane, Sai Ying Pun and (ii) Proposed Public Open Space at Yu Lok Lane, Western District, we expect the expenditure in 2000-01 for land acquisition under this subhead to be lowered by some \$30 million.
 - (b) For Subhead 1100CA, we estimate the expenditure in financial year 2001-02 will be in the region of \$4.3 billion. The bulk of this is for the land resumption in respect of the development of an international theme park on Penny's Bay, Lantau Island (\$2.5 billion). The balance of \$1.8 billion is for other public works projects, including the cost of land resumption for Route 10 (more than \$140 million).

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Name in block letters _____ R.D. Pope

Post Title _____ Director of Lands

Date _____ 16 March 2001

Bureau Serial No.

PLB080

Question Serial No.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 701 Land Acquisition

Subhead (No. & title) : 1002CA – Compensation for surrenders and resumptions : urban improvement districts : Yau Ma Tei, Wan Chai and Western

Programme : —

Controlling Officer : Director of Lands

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Planning and Lands

Question : For Subhead 1002CA, the estimate for 2000-01 was \$30.78 million, of which \$8.008 million was reserved pending revision of the approved project estimate. The approved project estimate, however, has not been revised and the revised estimate for 2000-01 is \$1 million. Why?

Asked by : Hon. Eric LI Ka-cheung

Reply : Leisure and Cultural Services Department, established after the dissolution of the former Provisional Urban Council (PUC), had to review the development programmes for the former PUC projects. Owing to programme adjustment of two major projects, namely (i) Proposed Public Open Space development at Kwok Hing Lane and Ui On Lane, Sai Ying Pun and (ii) Proposed Public Open Space at Yu Lok Lane, Western District, we anticipate a lower-than-expected expenditure in 2000-01 for land acquisition under this subhead by some \$30 million. It is therefore no longer necessary to reserve the original amount of \$8.008 million nor to revise the approved project estimate.

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Name in block letters _____ R.D. Pope _____

Post Title _____ Director of Lands _____

Date _____ 16 March 2001 _____

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PLB081

Question Serial No.

0367

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 701 Land Acquisition

Subhead (No. & title) : 1100CA – Compensation and ex-gratia allowances in respect of projects in the Public Works Programme

Programme : —

Controlling Officer : Director of Lands

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Planning and Lands

Question : (a) For Subhead 1100CA, the estimate for 2000-01 was \$2.556 billion and the revised estimate for 2000-01 is \$1.335 billion, representing a decrease of \$1.221 billion. Why?

(b) For Subhead 1100CA, the estimate for 2001-02 is \$4.337 billion, representing an increase of \$1.781 billion over that for 2000-01. Why?

Asked by : Hon. Eric LI Ka-cheung

Reply : (a) The revised estimate of about \$1.335 billion, which is approximately \$1.221 billion less than the original estimate of \$2.556 billion, is caused by the delay in the commencement of a number of major Public Works Programme projects including Penny's Bay Reclamation and Castle Peak Road Improvement. This has resulted in underspending of our original estimate. In addition, rejection of offers of compensation and the ongoing negotiations in other projects have further contributed to the underspending.

(b) An estimate of about \$2.5 billion for the land resumption in respect of the site formation and infrastructure construction to facilitate the development of an international theme park on Penny's Bay, Lantau Island has been included into the estimate for 2001-02, which accounts for the substantial increase as compared with the original estimate for 2000-01.

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Date 16 March 2001

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PLB082

Question Serial No.

1461

Examination of draft Estimates of Expenditure 2001-02
**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 701 Land Acquisition

Subhead (No. & title) : —

Programme : —

Controlling Officer : Director of Lands

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Planning and Lands

Question : Under Head 701, the revised estimate for 2000-01 has dropped by about 47% compared with the original estimate. What are the main reasons for such a decrease?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Chin-shek

Reply : The revised estimate of \$1,495.6 million, which is \$1,318.8 million (about 47%) less than the original estimate of \$2,814.4 million, is mainly caused by the delay in the commencement of a number of major Public Works Programme projects including Penny's Bay Reclamation and Castle Peak Road Improvement. This has resulted in underspending of our original estimate. In addition, rejection of offers of compensation and ongoing negotiations in other projects have further contributed to the underspending.

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Director of Lands

Date _____

16 March 2001

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Bureau Serial No.

PLB083*

Question Serial No.

0391c

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY WRITTEN QUESTION

Head 702 Port and Airport Development Subhead(No. & title) : 2505CL

Programme :

Controlling Officer : Director of Territory Development

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Planning and Lands

Question : Please list out the Estimate 2000-01 and state the basis for the Revised Estimate 2000-01 for item 2505CL.

Asked by : Hon Eric LI Ka-cheung, JP

Reply : When we prepared the Estimate 2000-01 in end 1999, the need to commence works on item 2505CL "Stage 2 reclamation at Tuen Mun Area 38" was not envisaged. We have therefore not included this item in the Estimate 2000-01.

However in early 2000, a review of the territory-wide demand of public filling areas identified an urgent need to advance the Tuen Mun Area 38 stage 2 reclamation to provide an outlet for the public fill. Construction works commenced in November 2000. The Revised Estimate 2000-01 of \$7 million for item 2505CL was based on the accepted tendered sum and the contractor's programme of works.

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Name in block letters H. K. WONG

Post Title Director of Territory Development

Date 12 March 2001

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SB161, ESB069 and PLB083

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Bureau Serial No.

PLB084*

Question Serial No.

0177b

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head : 705 - Civil Engineering Subhead (No. & title) : 5422CL -
Formation of Po Lam
Road Platform

Programme :

Controlling Officer : Director of Civil Engineering

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Planning and Lands

Question : For Head 705, under the revised estimate for 2000-01 in respect of "Works completed, cancelled or curtailed", what are the details for each project, such as its title, provision involved, the amount of curtailment, etc.? What are the reasons for cancellation or curtailment of each project?

Asked by : Hon LAU Chin-shek

Reply : CED has only one project namely 5422CL - Formation of Po Lam Road Platform under this category. The revised estimate for this project in 2000-01 is \$0.9 million. The works for this project have been completed.

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Name in block letters Dr. LAU Ching-kwong

Post Title Director of Civil Engineering

Date 15 March 2001

* Please refer to the following for a full reply to this questions -
EFB150 and PLB084.

Bureau Serial No.

PLB085

Question Serial No.

0179

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WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY WRITTEN QUESTION

Head: 707 - New Towns and
Urban Area Development

Subhead(No. & title) : 7683CL

Programme :

Controlling Officer : Director of Territory Development

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Planning and Lands

Question : For item 7683CL, what does the feasibility study involve in terms of study area and scope? When is it expected to complete?

Asked by : Hon LAU Chin-shek, JP

Reply : The study is an integrated planning and engineering study to establish the feasibility of further expansion of Tseung Kwan O New Town. The area involved covers the Tseung Kwan O Bay, Pak Shing Kok and the route of the proposed Western Coast Road. We plan to commence the study in early 2002 for completion in late 2003.

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Post Title Director of Territory Development

Date March 2001

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PLB086*

Question Serial No.

0180a

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WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY WRITTEN QUESTION**

Head 707 - New Towns and Subhead(No. & title) :
Urban Area Development

Programme :

Controlling Officer : Director of Territory Development

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Planning and Lands

Question : For Head 707, under the revised estimate for 2000-01 in respect of “Works completed, cancelled or curtailed”, what are the details for each project, such as its title, provision involved, the amount of curtailment, etc? What are the reasons for cancellation or curtailment of each project?

Asked by : The Honourable LAU Chin-shek

Reply : We have included twenty projects under the category “Works completed, cancelled or curtailed” for Head 707. All the works under these projects have been completed. We estimate about \$11.067 million will be spent in 2000-01 and no expenditure will be incurred in 2001-02 on these projects. We do not have any projects for cancellation or curtailment under the said category. Details of the twenty projects are shown in the attached list.

Project Subhead	Project Description	Revised Estimate 2000-01 \$M
7008CD	Lower Lam Tsuen River training scheme	0.010
7085CD	Main drainage channels for Fanling, Sheung Shui and hinterland - site investigations and consultants' fees	0.380
7052CL	Sha Tin New Town stage I, phase 2 - development of areas 5, 28 and 48	0.010
7089CL	Shek Wu Hui development, package 6, engineering works, stage I	0.030
7124CL	Tseung Kwan O development, investigation and design	0.075
7187CL	Tseung Kwan O development, head of Bay, stage III, engineering works	3.900
7272CL	Sha Tin New Town, stage II: servicing and extension of Fo Tan village in area 16C	0.010
7273CL	Tuen Mun New Town engineering development, stage IIB, Package 21, phase IIIA	0.500
7275CL	Shek Wu Hui development, package 6, area 39, formation and servicing	0.040

Project Subhead	Project Description	Revised Estimate 2000-01 \$M
7288CL	Tseung Kwan O development, Hang Hau, stage II, engineering works	0.033
7296CL	Tseung Kwan O development, phase II, stage I, engineering works	3.500
7311CL	Fanling development,package 7,phase III: formation and servicing,Fanling South	0.020
7472CL	West Kowloon Reclamation - remaining roadworks, stage I	1.100
7477CL	Feasibility study for Pak Shek Kok development area	0.239
7075TB	Lam Tsuen River footbridge, Tai Po market to area 3	0.083
7097TB	Shek Wu Hui development, package 5, footbridge across Jockey Club Road near the Fung Kai schools in area 1	0.100
7134TH	Sha Tin New Town, stage I, phase 2 - development of area 14 and trunk road T1 (part)	0.001
7144TH	Fanling development, package 3, engineering works	0.270
7359TH	Fanling development, package 5, road D3(remainder) in area 17	0.716
7055WC	Water supply to Tseung Kwan O - advanced mainlaying works within areas 85/86& TKOIE,& salt water pumping station substructure & intake work in area 86	0.050
Total for TDD projects under Head 707		11.067

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Date March 2001

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PLB086 and HAB103.