

**Replies to supplementary verbal and written questions
raised by Finance Committee Members
in examining the Estimates of Expenditure 2005-06**

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S-ETWB(W)01

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

Question Serial No.

S74

Head : 25 – Architectural Services Department Subhead :

Programme : (3) – Facilities Development

Controlling Officer : Director of Architectural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for the Environment, Transport and Works

Question : Regarding Reply Serial No. ETWB(W)009, please list out in table form the name, cost and commencement and completion dates of all those projects for which value management has been or will be implemented.

Would the Administration please provide quantitative data to prove that projects for which value management has been applied are more cost-effective ?

What is the cost incurred in the implementation of value management ?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Sau-shing, Patrick

Reply : A list of value management workshops conducted by the Department since 2000 is provided below –

Project Title	Project Status	Estimated Project Cost/ Indicative Cost	Workshop Cost*
Hong Kong Wetland Park	Start: 03/02 Finish: 12/05	\$461M	\$60,000
New Headquarters for Radio Television Hong Kong	Under review	around \$1,000M	\$80,000
High Rise School	Suspended	around \$100M	\$50,000
Police New Territories South Headquarters plus Kowloon West Regional Headquarters	Start: 12/02 Finish: 07/05	\$667M	\$85,000
Expansion of Facilities at Lok Ma Chau Boundary Crossing	Start: 11/00 Finish: 09/03	\$1,199M	In-house
'Pride of Hong Kong' – Tsim Sha Tsui Promenade Beautification	Start: 08/04 Finish: 04/06	\$183M	\$50,000
Prison Development on Hei Ling Chau	Suspended	around \$7,800M	\$60,000
Proposed Multi-storey Carpark and Public Transport Terminus at Stanley Village Road	Pending approval of funding	around \$300M	\$40,000

* Inclusive of the fee for facilitators and venue cost but excludes staff cost of individual participants.

In general, value management techniques are meant to facilitate the project delivery process through better definition of project scope, clarification of user requirements, evaluation of design parameters and comparison of alternative development options. While it is difficult to quantify the savings derived from each individual project, such techniques play an important part in ensuring that design criteria and solutions will satisfy client requirements and priorities.

Signature _____

Name in block letters _____ C. H. YUE

Post Title _____ Director of Architectural Services

Date _____ 16 April 2005

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

Reply Serial No.

S-ETWB(W)02

Question Serial No.

S76

Head: 159 Government Secretariat: Environment,
Transport and Works Bureau
(Works Branch)

Subhead(No. & title):

Programme: (3) Intra-Governmental Services

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for the Environment, Transport and Works
(Works)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for the Environment, Transport and Works

Question:

Regarding Reply Serial No. ETWB(E)015, will the Administration provide a list of tree species to be planted in urban area and the estimated expenditure so incurred? What are the guidelines and restrictions adopted by the Administration in selecting and approving the tree species to be planted in urban area? And when were such guidelines last revised?

Asked by: Hon. LAU Sau-shing, Patrick

Reply:

Since tree planting in the urban areas is a subject straddling across several departments, we will need time to collate the relevant information but should be able to provide a consolidated reply by 22 April 2005.

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Name in block letters _____ Y C L O

Post Title _____
Permanent Secretary for the
Environment, Transport and
Works (Works)

Date _____ 15 April 2005

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

Reply Serial No.

S-ETWB(W)03

Question Serial No.

SV39

Head: 159 Government Secretariat: Environment,
Transport and Works Bureau
(Works Branch)

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (3) Intra-Governmental Services

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for the Environment, Transport and Works
(Works)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for the Environment, Transport and Works

Question:

The Administration is to provide the following information:

- (a) estimated and actual expenditure of outsourced consultancy contracts of different works departments for the past three years; and
- (b) estimated expenditure of outsourced consultancy contracts of different works departments in 2005-06.

Asked by: Hon. LAU Sau-shing, Patrick

Reply:

- (a) Since the actual expenditure on consultancies is a subject straddling various works departments, we will need time to collate the relevant information but should be able to provide a consolidated reply by 22 April 2005.
- (b) Works departments will engage consultants to help deliver projects at different stages if there are such needs due to lack of necessary expertise and/or in-house resources. Consultants, if needed, may be engaged in feasibility study, detailed design and/or supervision of works for both major projects under the LegCo Public Works Subcommittee/Finance Committee approval process as well as minor works under Block Allocations. When consultants are engaged, the consultancy fees will become part of the estimated cost of the projects for

expenditure under the Capital Works Reserve Fund. As consultancy fees only make up a small portion of the estimated cost of the projects and the expenditure is contingent upon the need, we do not have accurate estimates for the consultancy fees at the beginning of the financial year but expect they will generally follow the trend occurred in the past few years.

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Name in block letters _____ Y C L O _____

Post Title _____ Permanent Secretary for the
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Date _____ 16 April 2005 _____