

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

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

Reply Serial No.

FSTB(Tsy)001

Question Serial No.

1612

Head: 147 Government Secretariat: Subhead(No. & 000 Operational expenses
Financial Services and the title):
Treasury Bureau (The Treasury
Branch)

Programme:

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury (Treasury)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury

Question :

Please provide the main reasons for the increase in allowances, Mandatory Provident Fund contribution and general department expenses under Operational Expenses.

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Kam-lam

Reply:

The provisions for allowances and Mandatory Provident Fund (MPF) contribution for 2005-06 are higher than the revised estimate for 2004-05 mainly due to the increase in the estimated expenditure on acting allowance and the increase in the number of staff required to make MPF contributions respectively.

The provision for general departmental expenses for 2005-06 is \$5.7 million higher than the revised estimate for 2004-05. The major factor contributing to the increase is the requirement for public consultation on matters relating to Goods and Services Tax, involving an estimated \$4.8 million.

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Services and the Treasury
(Treasury) _____

Date _____ 6 April 2005 _____

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

Reply Serial No.

FSTB(Tsy)002

Question Serial No.

0584

Head: 147 Government Secretariat: Subhead(No. & 000 Operational expenses
Financial Services and the title):
Treasury Bureau (The Treasury
Branch)

Programme:

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury (Treasury)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury

Question :

Under the details of expenditure, it is stated that the operational expenses for 2005-06 have an increase of \$28,807,000 (21.7%) over that for 2004-05. This is mainly due to: (i) the adjusted provision for appointment of financial consultants; (ii) requirement for public consultation on matters relating to Goods and Services Tax (GST); and (iii) salary increments for existing staff.

Please advise:

- (1) What is the breakdown of the provisions for items (i) to (iii)? What are the changes when compared with the provisions for 2004-05?
- (2) How will the provision for item (ii) be used?
- (3) Is the provision for item (ii) for one year only or will provision be still required for this item in the future?
- (4) Under the item of other charges, the estimated provision for the appointment of financial consultants surges by 189% from the revised estimate of \$14,240,000 for 2004-05 to \$41,245,000 for 2005-06. Please advise the details for this expenditure. Which companies have been appointed as financial consultants? Have these companies provided services for the Hong Kong Government before? What services have they provided?
- (5) As regards question (4), what criteria does the Treasury Branch adopt in selecting financial consultants?
- (6) As regards the salary increments for existing staff, the civil service is still subject to a pay cut in the year. Why does the Treasury Branch have salary increments? What is the number of staff involved? What are their ranks and extent of increments?

Asked by: Hon. FANG Kang, Vincent

Reply:

(1) The provision for appointment of financial consultants in 2005-06 is \$41,245,000 which is \$27,005,000 higher than the revised estimate for 2004-05. The provision for public consultation on matters relating to GST in 2005-06 is \$4,800,000 and there was no such requirement in 2004-05. The additional provision for increment for existing staff in 2005-06 is about \$810,000.

(2) A provision of \$4,800,000 has been earmarked for consulting the public on whether Hong Kong should and how best to implement a GST. A breakdown on the estimates is shown below:

	<u>\$'000</u>
(a) printing of consultation materials	3,500
(b) production of Announcements in the Public Interest	300
(c) other publicity work, such as briefings/fora on GST	<u>1,000</u>
	4,800

(3) The provision for item (ii) is for one year only. We anticipate that there is no need to seek such a provision in the year after.

(4) The details of the financial consultancies in 2005-06 are set out below. All the consultants referred to have previously provided financial advisory services to the Government –

Name of consultants	Description of consultancy services	Estimated terms of appointment	Estimated provision for 2005-06 \$'000
UBS AG	Feasibility study of the proposed privatisation of Airport Authority	Five months ¹	2,000
HSBC & Citigroup	Feasibility study of Merger of Mass Transit Railway Corporation Limited and Kowloon-Canton Railway Corporation	Four months ¹	450
KPMG Tax Limited	Consultancy study on GST	Three months ¹	4,095
To be appointed	Financial advisory services in relation to – (a) implementation of the asset disposal and securitisation programme (b) others	 Ranges between six and 18 months To be decided	 24,700 10,000

		Total:	41,245
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Note 1: Residual term in 2005-06.

- (5) Financial consultants are selected in accordance with the requirements set out in the Stores and Procurement Regulations. Due regard is given to both technical aspects (e.g. experience of the consultants and the proposed approach for the assignment) and the fee proposals submitted.
- (6) The salary provision for 2005-06 of this branch is \$3,980,000 lower than the revised estimate for 2004-05. This is mainly due to the full-year effect of the 2005 civil service pay cut, partly offset by annual salary increments for existing staff. Civil servants are remunerated on approved pay scales with annual salary increments until they reach the maximum pay point of their scales. This pay mechanism applies to all civil servants.

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

FSTB(Tsy)003

Question Serial No.

0654

Head: 147 Government Secretariat: Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau (The Treasury Branch)

Programme: (2) Revenue and Financial Control

Subhead (No. & title):

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury (Treasury)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury

Question:

Regarding the "Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2005-06" under Programme (2) Revenue and Financial Control, please advise:

- (1) For broadening the tax base and increasing revenue, does the Government plan to study other revenue options besides a study on the implementation of a Goods and Services Tax ?
If yes, what will be the contents of the plan and will findings of the study be made public ?
If no, what are the reasons ?

Asked by: Hon. FANG Kang, Vincent

Reply:

The Advisory Committee on New Broad-based Taxes advised the Government in 2002 that a Goods and Services Tax (GST) would help broaden our tax base and therefore be worth further study. The Government recognizes that GST is a viable option to broaden the tax base and has conducted a detailed study on the implementation of a GST in Hong Kong. We are not conducting studies on any other new tax items at present, in order to focus on the introduction of GST.

The Government will continue to manage our public finances prudently, keep expenditure within the limits of revenues and strive to achieve a fiscal balance. We will keep our fiscal position under review and consider measures, including tax measures, where necessary and as appropriate, in order to achieve this purpose.

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Date _____ April 2005 _____

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

FSTB(Tsy)004

Question Serial No.

0684

Head: 147 Government Secretariat: Subhead(No. &
Financial Services and the title):
Treasury Bureau (The Treasury
Branch)

Programme: (2) Revenue and Financial Control

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury (Treasury)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury

Question :

Regarding the "Matters requiring special attention in 2005-06" under Programme (2): Revenue and Financial Control, please advise:

On maintaining a low, simple and predictable tax regime, has the Treasury Branch conducted any survey to seek the businesses' views on the existing tax regime? If yes, what are the survey findings? If no, will such survey be conducted this year? Will the survey be conducted together with other projects? How much resources will be involved?

Asked by: Hon. FANG Kang, Vincent

Reply:

Hong Kong achieves a very high ranking in the taxation aspect of economic freedom surveys on a regular basis. The Government does not need to incur any expenses insofar as these surveys are concerned.

The Government, and in particular the responsible bureaux and departments (including Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau and Inland Revenue Department), maintain close contacts with the chambers of commerce, professional bodies and tax representatives through various consultative fora/channels. General feedback from representatives of the business community and the industry is that Hong Kong's tax regime is simple, low and fair, and that the system remains very competitive on the whole as compared with many other tax jurisdictions. It is not possible to account separately for such liaison work.

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Post Title Permanent Secretary for Financial
Services and the Treasury
(Treasury)

Date 4 April 2005

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2005-06
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INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

FSTB(Tsy)005

Question Serial No.

0685

Head : 147 Government Secretariat:
Financial Services and the
Treasury Bureau (The Treasury
Branch)

Subhead (No. & title) : 000 Operational expenses

Programme : (2) Revenue and Financial Control

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury
(Treasury)

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury

Question :

Regarding the "Matters requiring special attention in 2005-06" under Programme (2):
Revenue and Financial Control, please advise:

Concerning the Asset Sale and Securitisation Programme, has financial provision been
allocated for it in this year? If yes, what is the amount of provision and what are the
items about? Are there any changes compared with 2004-05? If no, does this mean that
there is no plan to implement this Programme this year?

Asked by : Hon. FANG Kang, Vincent

Reply :

A provision of around \$27 million has been earmarked in 2005-06 for the appointment
of financial consultants in relation to the asset sale and securitisation programme. The
provision is \$19 million higher than the revised estimate for 2004-05. With the
assistance of financial consultants, we will mainly continue to study the feasibility of
the proposed privatisation of the Airport Authority and the merger of Mass Transit
Railway Corporation Limited with the Kowloon-Canton Railway Corporation. We will
also examine other proposals in relation to the implementation of the asset disposal and
securitisation programme in due course.

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Permanent Secretary for Financial
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Date _____

6 April 2005

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INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

FSTB(Tsy)006

Head : 147 Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title) :
Financial Services and
the Treasury Bureau
(The Treasury Branch)

Question Serial No.

0385

Programme : (2) Revenue and Financial Control

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury
(Treasury)

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury

Question :

Is the emolument of civil servants one of the expenditure items in the "operating expenditure envelope" of the various departments? Will the Administration consider excluding the payroll costs from the envelope?

Asked by : Hon. KWONG Chi-kin

Reply :

Personal emoluments for civil servants are included in the Operating Expenditure (OPEX) envelopes provided to Directors of Bureaux.

Under the OPEX envelope approach, Directors of Bureaux may deploy resources amongst various expenditure heads, subheads and components according to his/her policy priorities. Personal emoluments for civil servants account for over 20% of Government's OPEX. Excluding these provisions from the OPEX envelopes would reduce the incentive for Directors of Bureaux to optimize all resources under their purview.

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ALAN N LAI

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Permanent Secretary for Financial
Services and the Treasury
(Treasury)

Date _____

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

Head : 147 Government Secretariat : Subhead (No. & title) :
Financial Services and
the Treasury Bureau
(The Treasury Branch)

Programme : 3 Service Departments

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Financial Services and
the Treasury (Treasury)

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury

Question :

1. What is the proportion of the Treasury Branch's procurement services in overall government procurement services requirement?
2. In 2004-05, how many government procurement contracts were put up for open tender due to their meeting the thresholds of government procurement agreements? What are the project(s), price and name(s) of successful tenderer(s) involved for each contract? What are the proportions of local and overseas companies among the successful tenderers?
3. In 2004-05, how many government procurement contracts were not put up for open tender due to their not meeting the thresholds of government procurement agreements? What are the project(s), price and name(s) of successful tenderer(s) involved for each contract? What are the proportions of local and overseas companies among the successful tenderers?

Asked by : Hon. KWONG Chi-kin

Reply :

1. The Treasury Branch (TsyB) exercises policy responsibility for government procurement and tendering and has the overall responsibility for ensuring that all government procurement activities are conducted according to the established regulations and procurement principles of fairness, openness, value for money and public accountability. While the TsyB is responsible for formulating, reviewing and implementing the policy on government procurement and tendering, the TsyB does not provide procurement services on behalf of individual user departments.

2. For goods or services contracts with a value exceeding \$1,300,000 or works contracts with a value exceeding \$3,000,000, procuring departments have to conduct procurement through tender procedures based on the tendering principles of open and fair competition, transparency and value for money. All qualified suppliers, including local and overseas companies, may submit a tender and the result of the tender exercise will be published in the Gazette. The Administration does not have information on whether the successful tenderers are local or overseas companies. In 2004-05, a total of 528 contracts have been awarded on the approval of the relevant tender boards. Details are in the Annex.
3. In accordance with the existing government procurement regulations, for any purchase of goods and services contracts with a value not exceeding \$1,300,000 and works contracts with a value not exceeding \$3,000,000, user departments can arrange direct purchase of goods and services without recourse to tender. In arranging for such direct purchases, departments have to adhere to the fundamental procurement principles of openness, fairness, value for money, and public accountability and will not take into account whether the suppliers are local or overseas companies. Hence the Administration does not have information on whether the successful contractors are local or overseas companies. The Administration does not have readily available information on purchases of construction services of a value below \$3,000,000. In 2004, the Government arranged a total number of 241 571 purchases of goods and services (other than construction services) each of a value below \$1,300,000. The total value of these purchases is \$3,047 million. Given the very large number of these low value purchases, the Administration does not think it is appropriate to list each and every purchase in this reply.

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Date 4 April 2005

Procuring Department	Particulars	Amount (HK\$)	Contractor
AFCDD	Term Contract for Vegetation Management Works in Hong Kong for 2005 – 2007	10,080,000	Asia Landscaping Limited
AFCDD	Cleansing and Refuse Disposal Services	3,080,000	Champion Cleaning Transport Company Limited
AFCDD	Security Guard Services for the Cheung Sha Wan Wholesale Food Market	6,431,000	Allsecure Limited
AFCDD	Provision of Security Services at the Western Wholesale Food Market	3,723,000	Hong Nin Security Company Limited
AFCDD	Provision of Cleansing, Cleaning of Water Tanks, Refuse Collection, Disposal Services and Disinfection Services at the Western Wholesale Food Market	3,358,000	World Environmental Services Limited
AFCDD	Provision of Cleansing Services at the Cheung Sha Wan Temporary Wholesale Poultry Market	5,631,000	Luen Dai Environmental Services Company Limited
AFCDD	Supply of Beta-Agonist Elisa Kits (96 Well Plate)	2,040,000	China Scientific (Hong Kong) Limited
ArchSD	Term Contract for the Design and Construction of Fitting-out Works to Buildings and Lands and Other Properties in the Designed Contract Area : Kowloon and New Territories-East Region	144,535,000	Union Contractors Limited
ArchSD	Supply of Hardware and Software, System Analysis and Design, Implementation and Other Related Services for the Enhancement of Automated Communication, Technical Information and Operation Network System for the Architectural Services Department	29,347,000	Azeus Systems Limited
ArchSD	Improvement Works to Lei Yue Mun Park and Holiday Village, Hong Kong	63,370,000	Fong Wing Shing Construction Company Limited
ArchSD	Minor Works Term Contract to Buildings and Lands and Other Properties for which the Architectural Services Department is Responsible in Hong Kong (2004-2007)	332,770,000	Chun Wo Joint Venture
ArchSD	Design and Construction on Independent Commission Against Corruption Headquarters Building at Java Road North Point	684,824,000	Shui On Joint Venture
ArchSD	Supply, Fabrication and Installation of Exhibition Works for International Wetland Park and Visitor Centre at Tin Shui Wai, New Territories	174,217,000	C-Beck Group Limited
ArchSD	Beautification of Tsim Sha Tsui Promenade at Tsim Sha Tsui, Kowloon	109,900,000	Shui On Construction Company Limited
ArchSD	Construction of a 36-Classroom Primary School in Area 12, Yuen Long, New Territories	98,900,000	Lam Woo & Company Limited
ArchSD	Construction of Second Primary School and Second Secondary School in Area 104, and a Primary School at Junction of Tin Shing Road and Tin Pak Road, Tin Shui Wai, New Territories	249,900,000	Able Engineering Company Limited
ArchSD	Conversion and Extension to 2 Nos. Existing Aided Schools - Group 2 under School Improvement Programme Final Phase, Package 12	46,669,000	To's Universe Construction Company Limited
ArchSD	Reprovisioning of Diamond Hill Crematorium at Po Kong Village Road, Kowloon, Hong Kong	230,000,000	China Resources Construction Company Limited
ArchSD	Construction of a Primary School at Sheung Shing Street, Ho Man Tin, Kowloon	76,283,000	China Resources Construction Company Limited
ArchSD	Supply and Installation of Cremators for Reprovisioning of Diamond Hill Crematorium at Po Kong Village Road, Kowloon, Hong Kong	96,280,000	Southa Technical Limited
ArchSD	Construction of Kowloon Tong Fire Station-cum-Ambulance Depot with Kowloon Fire Command Headquarters at Baptist University Road, Kowloon Tong	74,306,000	Square Construction Company Limited

Procuring Department	Particulars	Amount (HK\$)	Contractor
ArchSD	Construction of a Primary School and a Secondary School at Site 10, West Kowloon Reclamation, Sham Shui Po	181,700,000	Sun Fook Kong Joint Venture
ArchSD	Construction of Piled Foundation and Caps for a Secondary-cum-Primary School in Area 11, Shatin, New Territories	38,600,000	Chun Wo Construction & Engineering Company Limited
ArchSD	General Improvement Works at Ngau Tau Kok Market and Cooked Food Centre and Ngau Chi Wan Market and Cooked Food Centre, Kowloon	56,628,000	Kim Hung Construction & Engineering Company Limited
ArchSD	Fitting Out Works to Flats at Yau Mei Court, Yau Tong	32,000,000	Able Engineering Company Limited
ArchSD	Retro-fitting of Air Conditioning and General Improvement Works at Shek Wu Hui Cooked Food Centre, Sheung Shui, New Territories	51,708,000	Junic Construction Company Limited
ArchSD	Design and Construction for the Renovation of Libraries (Phase 1)	101,000,000	China State Construction Engineering (Hong Kong) Limited
ArchSD	Construction of a New Infectious Disease Centre attached to the Princess Margaret Hospital	353,000,000	China State Construction Engineering (Hong Kong) Limited
ArchSD	Design and Construction of Hin Tin Public Swimming Pool, Phase 2, Sha Tin	172,000,000	China State Construction Engineering (Hong Kong) Limited
ArchSD	Construction of a Rehabilitation Block at Tuen Mun Hospital at Tsing Chung Koon Road, Tuen Mun, New Territories	670,800,000	Shui On Construction Company Limited
ArchSD	Construction of Indoor Recreation Centre at Area 17, Tin Shui Wai	85,800,000	Sui Chong Construction & Engineering Company Limited
ArchSD	The Conversion to 1 No. Existing Aided School - Group 2 under School Improvement Programme Final Phase, Package 11	21,894,000	Goldfield N&W Construction Company Limited
ArchSD	Supply and Installation of Lifts for the Construction of New Infectious Disease Centre attached to the Princess Margaret Hospital	9,350,000	Fujitec (HK) Company Limited
BD	Provision of Electronic Imaging and Uploading of Building Plans and Documents	36,220,000	Kodak (Hong Kong) Limited
C&SD	Provision of Services for Conducting a Thematic Household Survey in the Second Quarter of 2004	1,780,000	AC Nielsen (China) Limited
C&SD	Provision of Services for Conducting a Thematic Household Survey in the Fourth Quarter of 2004	1,400,000	Mercado Solutions Associates Limited
C&SD	Provision of Services for Conducting the First Round of Thematic Household Survey in 2005	1,480,000	ACNielsen (China) Limited
C&SD	Provision of Services of Production and Marketing of CD-ROM Products on Hong Kong's External Merchandise Trade Statistics and Hong Kong's Shipping Statistics	62,000	Smartal Solutions Limited
CED	Public Transport Interchange at Sunny Bay	59,700,000	Sun Fook Kong (Civil) Limited
CED	10-year Extended LPM Project, Phase 2, Package Q Landslip Preventive Works for Slopes in Tai Po and Yuen Long	74,380,000	Barbican Construction Company Limited
CED	Provision of System Analysis and Design, Implementation and Data Integration Services of the Port Maintenance Information System	1,552,000	Au Posford Consultants Limited
CEDD	Cheung Chau Old Town Road and Drainage Improvements Stage 2	56,800,000	China Metallurgical Construction (Group) Corporation

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CEDD	Management and Capping of Contaminated Mud in Pit IV of East Sha Chau - Phase III	51,500,000	Kier-Wai Kee (C&T) Joint Venture
CEDD	10-year Extended Landslip Preventive Measures Project, Phase 4, Package I - Landslip Preventive Works for Slopes in Hong Kong Island, Kowloon and the New Territories	52,846,000	Kin Shing Construction Company Limited
CEDD	10-year Extended LPM Project, Phase 2, Package R Landslip Preventive Works for Slopes and Retaining Walls in Kwai Tsing - Batch B	86,360,000	Barbican Construction Company Limited
CEDD	10-year Extended LPM Project, Phase 2, Package R Landslip Preventive Works for Slopes and Retaining Walls in Kwai Tsing - Batch C	73,800,000	Barbican Construction Company Limited
CEDD	Maintenance and Repairs to Seawalls, Piers and Other Port Works (2004-2007)	72,000,000	Kin Shing Construction Company Limited
CEDD	Reconstruction of Sha Tau Kok Public Pier	45,380,000	China Harbour Engineering Company (Group)
CEDD	Maintenance Repairs to Government/Public Piers and Immersed Tubes of Hung Hom Cross-Harbour Tunnel (2005-2008)	78,000,000	China Harbour Engineering Company (Group)
CEDD	Maintenance Dredging (2005-2008)	75,000,000	China Harbour Engineering Company (Group)
CITB	Provision of Recovery Services for the Disaster Recovery Center of the Information Technology Services Department	3,330,000	KAZ Group Limited
CS for Adm	Provision of Security Services for Central Government Offices and Murray Building	7,518,000	Professional Security Services Limited
CSD	Provision of Services in the Handling and Transportation of Products of the Correctional Services Department	1,487,000	(1) Tai Kow Lo Transportation
		1,449,000	(2) Columbia International Removals Limited
CSD	Provision of Services in the Handling and Transportation of Products of the Correctional Services Department	2,973,000	Tai Kow Lo Transportation Company Limited
		2,897,000	Columbia International Removals Limited
DH	Provision of Entry-exit Screening Passengers Services in relation to the Prevention of Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome in the Hong Kong International Airport	8,262,000	Aviation Security Company Limited
DH	Supply of General X-ray Machine	1,580,000	Sanko Medical Systems (Hong Kong) Limited
DH	Provision of Entry-exit Screening Passengers Service in relation to the Prevention of Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome in the Hong Kong International Airport	2,778,000	Aviation Security Company Limited
DSD	Central and Western Interceptor and Reticulation Sewers - Lower Catchment (Phase 2B Works)	143,719,000	Costain Building and Civil Engineering Limited
DSD	Yuen Long, Kam Tin, Ngau Tam Mei & Tin Shui Wai Drainage Improvement, Stage 1, Phase 2 A - Kam Tin and Ngau Tam Mei	105,968,000	Sun Fook Kong (Civil) Limited
DSD	Wan Chai East and North Point Sewerage-North Point Sewage Pumping Station	199,700,000	Chit Cheung - China Overseas - ATAL Joint Venture
DSD	Term Contract for Inspections Repair, Overhaul & Testing of E&M Installation at Various Sewage Treatment Works and Pumping Stations in the New Territories (2004-2006)	43,752,000	Kenworth Engineering Limited
DSD	Term Contract for Inspection, Repair, Overhaul & Testing of E&M Installations at Various Sewage Treatment Works and Pumping Stations (2004-2006)	35,385,000	Wenden Engineering Service Company Limited
DSD	Drainage Maintenance and Construction in Mainland South Districts (2004-2007)	240,000,000	Shun Yuen Construction Company Limited
DSD	Urban Drainage Improvement Works in Tsuen Wan and Kwai Chung	38,907,000	Shanghai Urban Construction (Group) Corporation

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DSD	Term Contract for Disposal of Wastes and Minor Civil Works at Various Sewage Treatment Plants and Pumping Stations in the New Territories (2005-2007)	30,997,000	Strong Base Engineering Limited
DSD	Drainage Improvement Works in Sha Tin	47,500,000	China Harbour Engineering Company (Group)
DSD	Term Contract for Waste Disposal and Minor Civil Engineering Works for Various Sewage Treatment Plants and Pumping Stations in Urban Area, Lantau Island and Outlying Islands (2005-2007)	39,834,000	Fine View Engineering Limited
DSD	Supply of Impeller and Casing for Centrifuge Pump	GBP145,000	Sulzer Pumps (China) Limited
DSD	Sampling and Analysing of Wastewater for Various Sewage Treatment Facilities in Urban Area, Lantau and Outlying Islands (2005-2007)	3,404,000	ALS Technichem (Hong Kong) Pty.
DSD	Supply of Ferric Chloride Solution (Type I)	7,341,000	Hon Yuen Hong
EMB	Progress in International Reading Literacy Study 2006	5,000,000	Faculty of Education, University of Hong Kong
EMB	Provision of Educational Psychology Service for Primary Schools	2,433,000	The Catholic Diocese of Hong Kong Catholic Education Office
EMB	Provision of Educational Psychology Service for Primary Schools	3,581,000	The Church Body of the Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui
EMB	Provision of Educational Psychology Service for Primary Schools	2,554,000	Po Leung Kuk
EMB	Provision of Educational Psychology Service for Primary Schools	1,383,000	The Hong Kong Council of the Church of Christ in China
EMB	Provision of Educational Psychology Service for Primary Schools	1,202,000	The Lutheran Church - Hong Kong Synod
EMB	Programme for International Student Assessment 2006 in Hong Kong	8,682,000	The Chinese University of Hong Kong
EMB	Provision of Services for the Provision of Training Programmes on Two Different Components Respectively of (i) 20 Contact hours and/or (ii) 30 Contact hours in the 2004/05 School Year for Primary School Curriculum Leaders	2,054,000	The Hong Kong Institute of Education
EMB	Supply of English Educational Books	6,000,000	Academic and Professional Book Centre
EMSD	Two-year Contract for the Maintenance of Fixed X-ray Vehicle Inspection System for Lok Ma Chau Boundary Crossing	21,000,000	Rapiscan Security Products, Inc
EMSD	Replacement of Traffic Control and Surveillance System for the Lion Rock Tunnel	57,808,000	Delcan-Imtech-GECS Joint Venture
EMSD	Supply and Construction of Two (2) Mobile Libraries for Leisure and Cultural Services Department	1,786,000	Sime Darby Motor Services Limited
EMSD	Biennial Term Contract for the Comprehensive Maintenance and Repair of Lift and Escalator Installations in the GESD venues (Package One)	1,173,000	KONE Elevator (HK) Limited
EMSD	Supply of Major Foam Tender	EUR889,000	S.K. Fire Pte. Limited
EPD	Pillar Point Valley Landfill Restoration	502,575,000	Swire SITA Waste Services Limited

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EPD	Supply and Installation of Particulate Removal Devices to Reduce Particulates from the Exhaust of Pre-Euro Emission Standard Diesel Vehicles each of Permitted Gross Vehicle Weight over Four Tonnes that needs to undertake Long Idling Duties and Using Diesel of Sulphur Content Not More Than 0.005% (by Weight) – Contract Nos. EP 150/V1/DA, EP 150/V1/DB and EP 150/V1/DC	60,740,000	ECO-Tek Co Limited
EPD	Sewage Flow Measurement for North and South West Hong Kong Island	5,855,000	EGS (Asia) Limited
EPD	Operation of Tap Mun and Tung Chung Air Quality Monitoring Stations	50,000	Maunsell Environmental Management Consultants Limited
EPD	Provision of Services for Chemical Analysis of Environmental Samples	1,566,000	ALS Technichem (Hong Kong) Pty Limited
FEHD	Provision of Street Cleansing Services for Western Areas in Wanchai District	15,393,000	Champion Cleaning Transport Company Limited
FEHD	Provision of Roving Teams for Cleansing and Mosquito Control Services in Hong Kong, Kowloon and New Territories Districts	30,464,000	Yu's Tin Sing Enterprises Company Limited
FEHD	Provision of Roving Teams for Intensive Street Washing and Gum Removal Services in Hong Kong and Islands Districts, Kowloon Districts	15,660,000	Baguio Cleaning Services Company Limited
FEHD	Provision of Street Cleansing Services for Rural Areas of North District	22,299,000	Waylung Waste Services Limited
FEHD	Provision of Street Cleansing Services in Yuen Long District	48,090,000	Wai Hong Cleaning & Pest Control Company Limited
FEHD	Provision of Roving Team Cleansing Services for Enhanced Cleansing in Selected Areas in Hong Kong, Kowloon and New Territories Districts	25,536,000	Yu's Tin Sing Enterprises Company Limited
FEHD	Provision of Hiring of 5-Seater Goods Vans with Drivers - Items 1 and 2	33,362,000	Dah Chong Hong (Motor Leasing) Limited
FEHD	Provision of Roving Teams for Rodent and Pest Control Services in Hong Kong, Kowloon and New Territories Districts - Hong Kong Districts	8,151,000	Centuryan Services Limited
	Provision of Roving Teams for Rodent and Pest Control Services in Hong Kong, Kowloon and New Territories Districts - Kowloon Districts	8,089,000	Wai Hong Cleaning & Pest Control Company Limited
	Provision of Roving Teams for Rodent and Pest Control Services in Hong Kong, Kowloon and New Territories Districts - New Territories Districts	10,324,000	Green Harbour Environmental Services Limited
FEHD	Provision of Street Cleansing Services in Mong Kok District	40,962,000	Wai Hong Cleaning & Pest Control Company Limited
FEHD	Provision of Street Cleansing Services in Tai Po District	25,982,000	Champion Cleaning Transport Company Limited
FEHD	Provision of Street Cleansing Services for Tsing Yi and Kwai Chung Township in Kwai Tsing District	27,829,000	Champion Cleaning Transport Company Limited
FEHD	Provision of Cleansing Services for Tai Shing Street Market, Sheung Fung Street Market, Ngau Chi Wan Market and Choi Hung Road Market in Wong Tai Sin District	11,448,000	World Environmental Services
FEHD	Provision of Street Cleansing and Waste Collection Services for Cheung Chau, Chi Ma Wan, Ha Keng and Po Toi Islands District	12,804,000	Champion Cleaning Transport Company
FEHD	Provision of Vehicle Maintenance Services for General Purpose Vehicles	10,270,000	Dah Chong Hong (Motor Service Centre) Limited
FEHD	Provision of Street Cleansing Services in Tsuen Wan District	24,711,000	Johnson Cleaning Services Company Limited

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FEHD	Provision of Mosquito Control in Streams Services in Wong Tai Sin District, Kwun Tong District and Tai Po District	7,248,000	Wai Hong Cleaning & Pest Control Company Limited
FEHD	Provision of Market Cleansing Services for Po On Road Market and Lai Wan Market in Sham Shui Po District	4,271,000	Well Born Services Limited
FEHD	Provision of Market Cleansing Services for Pei Ho Street Market and Tung Chau Street Temporary Market in Sham Shui Po District	3,715,000	Well Born Services Limited
FEHD	Provision of Cleansing and Horticultural Maintenance Services for Public Cemeteries and Gardens of Remembrance in the New Territories	3,816,000	Wai Hong Cleaning & Pest Control Company Limited
FEHD	Provision of Cleansing Services for Luen Wo Hui Municipal Services Building	1,840,000	Wai Tat Cleaning Service Company
FEHD	Provision of Roving Team Cleansing Services to Refuse Collection Points, Aqua Privies and Villages in the New Territories and Islands District	5,792,000	Yu's Tin Sing Enterprises Company Limited
FEHD	Provision of Cleansing Services and Waste Collection Services by Mobile Refuse Compactor for Luen Wo Hui Market in North District	5,372,000	World Environmental Services Limited
FEHD	Provision of Hiring Grab Lorry with Driver	3,200,000	(1) Asia Cleansing Service Company
		525,000	(2) Lison Transportation Company Limited
FEHD	Provision of Animal Carcase Collection Services in Hong Kong, Kowloon and New Territories Districts	3,988,000	Wai Hong Cleaning and Pest Control Company Limited
FEHD	Provision of Roving Teams for Environmental Improvement Works in Hong Kong, Kowloon and New Territories districts	7,371,000	(1) Pollution and Protection Services Limited
		3,185,000	(2) Well Born Services Limited
FEHD	Provision of Cleansing Services for Tai Po Hui Market in Tai Po District	4,211,000	ecClean Environmental Service Company
FEHD	Provision of Desludging Services for Various Districts in the Territory	5,509,000	Waylung Waste Services Limited
FEHD	Provision of Market Cleansing Services for Fa Yuen Street Market, Mong Kok Market and Tai Kok Tsui Temporary Market in Mong Kok District	3,384,000	World Environmental Services Limited
FEHD	Provision of Remote Area Cleansing Services for Sai Kung District	7,404,000	Wai Hong Cleaning & Pest Control Company Limited
FEHD	Provision of Grave Digging and Coffin Burial Services for Public Cemeteries in the New Territories	1,920,000	Kin Fuk Stone Factory Limited
FEHD	Provision of Cleansing Services for Tung Yick Market and Tai Kiu Market in Yuen Long District	5,969,000	World Environmental Services Limited
FEHD	Provision of Security Guard Services for Tai Po Complex	3,545,000	Wise Security Limited
FEHD	Provision of Cleansing Services for Lockhart Road Municipal Services Building	2,627,000	Champion Cleaning Transport Company Limited
FEHD	Provision of Cleansing Services for Sheung Wan Municipal Services Building	1,703,000	Li Hing Cleaning Services Company Limited
FEHD	Provision of Cleansing and Undergrowth Cutting Services for Wo Hop Shek Cemetery and Garden of Remembrance	4,908,000	Waylung Waste Services Limited
FEHD	Provision of Security Guard Services for Po On Road Municipal Services Building	1,460,000	Sunbase International Properties Management Limited

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FEHD	Provision of Security Guard Services for Hung Hom Municipal Services Building	1,980,000	Tonwell Security Limited
FEHD	Provision of Security Guard Services for Cemeteries and Crematoria Section	1,477,000	Professional Security Services Limited
FEHD	Provision of Security Guard Services for Pei Ho Street Municipal Services Building	2,536,000	P. Dussmann Hong Kong Limited
FEHD	Provision of Security Guard Services for Kwun Chung Municipal Services Building	1,436,000	Sunbase International Properties Management Limited
FEHD	Provision of Security Guard Services (1) Cha Kwo Ling Depot, (2) Tuen Mun Depot, (3) Quarry Bay Depot	1,359,000	P. Dussmann Hong Kong Limited
FEHD	Provision of Roving Team Cleansing Services to Refuse Collection Points, Aqua Privies and Villages in the New Territories and Islands District	4,677,000	Baguio Cleaning Services Company Limited
FEHD	Provision of Security Guard Services for Sheung Wan Municipal Services Building and Smithfield Municipal Services Building	5,443,000	P. Dussmann Hong Kong Limited
FEHD	Provision of Cleansing Services for Cooked Food Markets and Cooked Food Bazaars in Eastern, Southern, Kwun Tong, Sham Shui Po, Yau Tsim, Mong Kok and Yuen Long District	2,879,000	Well Born Services Limited
FEHD	Provision of Waste Collection Services for Lamma Island	2,115,000	Johnson Cleaning Services Company Limited
FEHD	Supply and Installation of Telephone Recording Systems	665,000	Chevalier (Network Solutions) Limited
FEHD	Provision of Security Guard Services for Aberdeen Municipal Services Building	1,284,000	Dussmann Hong Kong Limited
FSD	Provision of Cleansing Services to Fire Services Premises within Fire Services Department	13,486,000	Swan Hygiene Services Limited
FSD	Provision, Update and Maintenance of the Calling Line Address Database Services	5,877,000	Unihub Limited (formerly named as PCCW Services eSolutions (HK) Limited)
FSD	Supply of Ambulances	8,433,000	Zung Fu Company Limited
GFS	Provision of Super Puma AS332L2 and EC155B1 Helicopter Simulator Training	EUR350,000	Helisim Training Academy Marseille Provence International Airport
GLD	Supply of Sulfasalazine Enteric Coated Tablets to the Hospital Authority and Department of Health	10,912,000	Zuellig Pharma Limited
GLD	Implementation of the Maintenance Works Management System and the Data Infrastructure	39,647,000	Azeus Systems Limited
GLD	Hiring of 7-Seater Passenger Medium Vans (Self-drive)	12,661,000	Dah Chong Hong (Motor Leasing) Limited
GLD	Supply of Spare Parts for "Ford" Vehicles	15,000,000	Sime Darby Motor Services Limited
GLD	Supply of Levofloxacin Preparations	10,455,000	Hong Kong Medical Supplies Limited
GLD	Supply of Cefotaxime Sodium for Injections	13,104,000	Zuellig Pharma Limited
GLD	Supply, Delivery, Installation, Commissioning, Maintenance of Hardware and Software, and Other Related Services for the Implementation of Technical Infrastructure and Client Information System - Technical Infrastructure	171,256,000	PCCW Business eSolutions (HK) Limited
	Supply, Delivery, Installation, Commissioning, Maintenance of Hardware and Software, and Other Related Services for the Implementation of Technical Infrastructure and Client Information System - Client Information System	43,404,000	EDS Electronic Data Systems (HK) Limited
GLD	Supply of Toilet Paper	13,800,000	Greatmart Development Limited
GLD	Hiring of 5-Seater Goods Vans - Group 1 and 3	55,103,000	Dah Chong Hong (Motor Leasing) Limited

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	Hiring of 5-Seater Goods Vans - Group 2	29,561,000	Apollo Transportation Company Limited
GLD	Hiring of 5-Seater Goods Vans - Items 1 and 2	48,292,000	Dah Chong Hong (Motor Leasing) Limited
GLD	Supply of Medical Gases in Cylinders	81,513,000	Hong Kong Oxygen & Acetylene Company Limited
GLD	Supply of Olanzapine Tablets	37,078,000	Y C Woo & Company Limited
GLD	Supply of Steel Office/Visitor/Meeting Chair	19,720,000	Henderson Furniture Limited
GLD	Supply of 15mm Domestic Water Meters	16,637,000	Actaris Singapore Pte Limited
GLD	Supply of Liquid Medical Oxygen	11,776,000	Hong Kong Oxygen & Acetylene Company Limited
GLD	Supply of Paroxetine Hydrochloride Tablets	13,522,000	GlaxoSmithKline Limited
GLD	Supply of Intravenous Infusion - Items 1, 3, 9 to 11, 13, 14, 16 and 17	17,568,000	Luen Cheong Hong Limited
	Supply of Intravenous Infusion - Items 2, 4 to 8, 12 and 15	12,167,000	Edward Keller Limited
GLD	Supply of Sulphate of Alumnia	38,624,000	China Resources Chemicals Company Limited
GLD	Supply of Hydrated Lime	16,512,000	China Resources Chemicals Company Limited
GLD	Supply of Erythropoietin Beta Injections	20,079,000	Edward Keller Limited
GLD	Supply of Terazosin Hydrochloride Tablets	17,396,000	Abbott Laboratories Limited
GLD	Supply of Fluvastatin Sodium Capsules	10,355,000	Edward Keller Limited
GLD	Supply of Clopidogrel Tablets	28,309,000	Zuellig Pharma Limited
GLD	Supply of Amoxicillin and Clavulanate Preparations	14,000,000	GlaxoSmithKline Limited
GLD	Supply, Delivery, Installation, Commissioning, Maintenance, Training and Provision of Other Related Services of the Personnel Information Management System	21,640,000	Hong Kong Productivity Council
GLD	Supply of Nifedipine Sustained-release Tablets	26,752,000	Zuellig Pharma Limited
GLD	Supply of Perindopril Tablets	13,951,000	Zuellig Pharma Limited
GLD	Supply of Liquid Chlorine - Group A	52,099,000	Wealth Explorer Limited
	Supply of Liquid Chlorine - Group B	508,000	Newcity International Development Limited
GLD	Supply of Risperidone Tablets	59,920,000	Edward Keller Limited
GLD	Supply of Sulpiride Capsules and Tablets	15,755,000	Zuellig Pharma Limited
GLD	Supply of Metoprolol Tartrate Tablets	12,185,000	Unipharm Trading Company
GLD	Hiring of 20-24 and 43-56 Seater Coaches - Group 1 and 2	42,212,000	Country Coach Limited
	Hiring of 20-24 and 43-56 Seater Coaches - Group 3	32,962,000	Argos Bus Services Company Limited
	Hiring of 20-24 and 43-56 Seater Coaches - Group 4	2,467,000	Yearam Services Limited
GLD	Supply of Woodfree Printing Paper, 80 gsm, 100 gsm and 120 gsm, Long Grain - Items 1 - 4	13,102,000	Hop Cheong Paper Company Limited
	Supply of Woodfree Printing Paper, 80 gsm, 100 gsm and 120 gsm, Long Grain to the Government Logistics Department - Items 6 - 9	1,341,000	Tin Kung Paper Company Limited
GLD	Supply of Large Van (Police Version)	42,262,000	Zung Fu Company Limited

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GLD	Supply of Esomeprazole Tablets	22,546,000	IDS (Hong Kong) Limited - Healthcare Division
GLD	Supply of Human Insulin Preparations	20,318,000	U.S. Summit Company Limited
GLD	Supply of Lansoprazole Capsules	12,975,000	Zuellig Pharma Limited
GLD	Supply of Ceftazidime for Injections	14,307,000	GlaxoSmithKline Limited
GLD	Supply of Large Motorcycle (Police Version)	30,507,000	Chun Kee Motorcycle Company Limited
GLD	Supply, Delivery, Installation, Commissioning and Maintenance of Hardware, Software and Related Services for Implementation of Corporate Computer System	66,333,000	Accenture Company Limited
GLD	Supply of Ipratropium Bromide Preparations	36,564,000	Zuellig Pharma Limited
GLD	Supply of Cationic Polymer	13,500,000	BeiJing ZhiJie Flocculant Company Limited
GLD	Supply of "Tamiflu" Oseltamivir Phosphate Capsules	14,500,000	Edward Kellar Limited
GLD	Supply of Chinese Books to Hong Kong Public Libraries of Leisure and Cultural Services Department - Book Category A	8,160,000	Guangdong Publishing Import & Export Company
	Supply of Chinese Books to Hong Kong Public Libraries of Leisure and Cultural Services Department - Book Category B	2,916,000	Chung Hwa Book Company (HK) Limited
	Supply of Chinese Books to Hong Kong Public Libraries of Leisure and Cultural Services Department - Book Category C	19,939,000	Joint Publishing (HK) Company Limited
	Supply of Chinese Books to Hong Kong Public Libraries of Leisure and Cultural Services Department - Book Category D	16,770,000	Cite (HK) Publishing Group Limited
GLD	Supply of Atorvastatin Calcium Tablets	31,946,000	Zuellig Pharma Limited
GLD	Supply of Pantoprazole Preparations	22,446,000	Zuellig Pharma Limited
GLD	Supply of Printing Paper for Office Use, A4 and A3 Sizes	73,036,000	Burotech Limited
GLD	Supply of Spare Parts for "Mercedes-Benz" Vehicles	22,200,000	Zung Fu Co Limited
GLD	Supply of Venlafaxine Preparations	14,143,000	Wyeth (H.K.) Limited
GLD	Supply of Sulbactam and Cefoperazone Injections	39,380,000	Zeullig Pharma Limited
GLD	Supply of Sodium Valproate Preparations - Items 1, 3 to 6	17,320,000	Zeullig Pharma Limited
	Supply of Sodium Valproate Preparations - Item 2	1,840,000	The International Medical Company Limited
GLD	Supply of Diets, Food Extras and Canteen Items - Group A	25,188,000	Dah Chong Hong Limited
	Supply of Diets, Food Extras and Canteen Items - Group B	176,417,000	The Asia Provisions Company Limited
GLD	Supply of Docetaxel Injections	16,347,000	Zuellig Pharma Limited
GLD	Supply of Fuel Oils - Items 4(A)(d) & 4(E)(d)	838,800	Caltex Oil Hong Kong Limited
	Supply of Fuel Oils - Items 1(A)(a) - (d), 1(B)(a) - (d), 2(a) & (b), 3(B)(b) - (d), 3(C)(b) - (d), 3(E)(b), 4(A)(a) - (c), 4(B)(a) - (d), 4(C)(a) - (d), 4(E)(a) - (c), 4(F) - (J) & 4(L)	309,890,000	China Resources Petroleum Company Limited
	Supply of Fuel Oils - Items 3(A)(a) - (c), 3(B)(a), 3(C)(a), 3(D)(a) - (d), 4(D)(a) - (d) & 4(M)	127,066,000	Shell Hong Kong Limited
GLD	Supply of Lamivudine Preparations	48,786,000	GlaxoSmithKline Limited
GLD	Supply of Tactical Intervention Vehicles	10,991,000	Jankel Amouring Limited

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GLD	Supply of Octreotide Acetate Injections	10,417,000	Edward Keller Limited
GLD	Supply, Delivery, Installation, Commissioning and Maintenance of Basic System Software for Mainframe Systems and the Provision of Related Services	55,200,000	IBM China / Hong Kong Limited
GLD	Supply of Canteen Items	63,984,000	The Asia Provisions Company Limited
GLD	Supply of Major Pumps	19,647,000	S K Fire Pte Limited
GLD	Supply of Hydraulic Platforms	10,638,000	S K Fire Pte Limited
GLD	Supply of Gemcitabine for Injections	22,820,000	Y.C. Woo & Company Limited
GLD	Supply, Delivery, Installation, Commissioning, Maintenance of Hardware, Software and Other Related Services for the Implementation of Replacement of the Criminal Intelligence Computer System and the Enhance Police Operational Nominal Index Computer System	79,835,000	Azeus Systems Limited
GLD	Supply and Installation of Self-charging Terminals and Provision of Related Services for the Hong Kong Public Libraries	29,544,000	SCS Information Technology (HK) Limited
GLD	Supply of Mycophenolate Mofetil Preparations	15,492,000	Edward Keller Limited
GLD	Supply of Tranexamic Acid Capsules and Injections	549,000	(1) United Italian Corporation (Hong Kong) Limited
		3,503,000	(2) Hong Kong Medical Supplies Limited
GLD	Supply, Delivery, Installation, Commissioning and Maintenance of a Private Automatic Branch Exchange System	1,300,000	NEC Hong Kong Limited
GLD	Supply of Ciprofloxacin Intravenous Infusion	6,975,000	Zuellig Pharma Limited
GLD	Supply and Installation of High Performance Liquid Chromatography Systems	USD166,000	Tegent Technology Limited
GLD	Supply of Liquefied Petroleum Gas for Government Vehicles	1,124,000	ECO Energy Company Limited
		4,398,000	CRC Petrol Filling Station Company Limited
GLD	Supply of Woodfree Printing Paper, White, 80gsm, RA 1, Long Grain	4,375,000	Man Wui Stationery Office Supplies Company Limited
GLD	Provision of Repair Services for Quarters Furniture	2,909,000	Sun Sang Works Company
GLD	Supply of Toner/Ink Cartridges for HP Printers	4,438,000	HK Toner Limited
GLD	Supply of Compound Methyl Salicylate Ointment	2,128,000	Vida Laboratories Limited
GLD	Supply of Zopiclone Tablets	EUR73,000	The International Medical Company Limited
GLD	Supply of Isosorbide Mononitrate Controlled Release Tablets	NZD279,000	Luen Cheong Hong Limited
GLD	Supply of Sotalol Tablets	2,293,000	Edward Keller Limited
GLD	Provision of Putonghua Training Services	1,492,000	(1) The Chinese Language Centre, The H.K. Polytechnic
		1,751,000	(2) School of Continuing Studies, The Chinese University of H.K.
GLD	Supply and Installation of Mobile Racking System	2,697,000	Shine Success Limited
GLD	Supply of Light Rescue Units	EUR702,000	S.K. Fire Pte Limited

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GLD	Supply of Griseofulvin Tablets	951,000	GlaxoSmithKline Limited
GLD	Supply of Sodium Chloride Injections	1,300,000	Edward Keller Limited
GLD	Provision of Maintenance Services for Integrated Call Centre	4,909,000	PCCW-HKT Business Services Limited
GLD	Supply of Stavudine Capsules	9,200,000	Edward Keller Limited
GLD	Supply of Riot Helmets	USD842,000	Eastern Forum (Far East) Company Limited
GLD	Supply of Cloxacillin Preparations	4,718,000	Edward Keller Limited
GLD	Supply of Banners and Decorative Flags	183,000	(1) East Asia Professional Photofinishing Laboratory Limited
		449,000	(2) Hong Kong Art Advertising and Decoration Company
		164,000	(3) 2M Professional Services Limited
GLD	Supply of Clonazepam Tablets	3,076,000	Edward Keller Limited
GLD	Supply of Clozapine Tablets	5,015,000	Edward Keller Limited
GLD	Supply and Installation of X-ray Baggage Checkers	1,878,000	Jebsen & Company Limited
GLD	Supply and Installation of Barrier Replacement for Tolo Harbour	4,408,000 Recurrent maintenance cost for the 2nd to 5th years : 808,000	Chong Kui (Group) Company Limited
GLD	Supply of Lactulose Solution	5,260,000	TCM Healthcare (London) Limited
GLD	Supply of Ceftriaxone Injections	2,453,000	Edward Keller Limited
GLD	Supply of Nystatin Oral Suspension	1,706,000	Edward Keller Limited
GLD	Supply, Delivery, Installation, Commissioning and Maintenance of an Interactive Voice Response System with Text-to-Speech Feature	957,000 Maintenance charge for the 2nd to 6th years : 377,000	Continuous Technologies International Limited
GLD	Supply of Digital Betacam Metal Videocassettes	1,328,000	Sony Corporation of Hong Kong Limited
GLD	Supply of EMIT Reagents and Accessories	944,000	Zuellig Pharma Limited
GLD	Supply of Almitrine Bismesylate and Raubasine Tablets	2,871,000	Zuellig Pharma Limited
GLD	Supply of Baclofen Tablets	1,044,000	Unipharm Trading Company
GLD	Supply, Delivery, Installation and Commissioning of Lightning Location Information System	7,109,000	PCCW-HKT Technical Services Limited
GLD	Supply of Electrically Driven Pumps for the Tsing Yi Salt Water Pumping Station (Uprating)	GBP105,000	(1) Weir Pumps Limited
		744,000	(2) Torishima (Hong Kong) Limited
GLD	Supply of Creams and Ointments	462,000	(1) Medipharma Limited
		45,000	(2) Zuellig Pharma Limited
		946,000	(3) Europharm Laboratoires Company Limited

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		1,079,000	(4) Vida Laboratories Limited
GLD	Supply of Spare Centrifuge Bowl Unit Set and Spare Parts for Centrifuges at Stonecutters Island Sewage Treatment Works	6,388,000	Alfa Laval (Hong Kong) Limited
GLD	Supply of Electrically Driven Pumpsets for Bowen Road Fresh Water Pumping Station, Magazine Gap Road Fresh Water Pumping Station and Severn Road Fresh Water Pumping Station	Group A - 1,590,000	(1) Hauroken Engineering Company Limited
		Group B - 1,295,000	(2) Torishima (Hong Kong) Limited
GLD	Supply, Delivery and Installation of Surveillance Thermal Imaging System for Two Police Launches and Two Police Barges	5,897,000	Prochine Corporation Limited
GLD	Supply of Morphine Sulphate Controlled-release Tablets	1,488,000	Jacobson Medical (Hong Kong) Limited
GLD	Supply of Glipizide Tablets	1,663,000	Merck Pharmaceutical Limited
GLD	Supply of Salcatonin Nasal Spray	2,264,000	Edward Keller Limited
GLD	Supply of Zidovudine Capsules	3,307,000	GlaxoSmithKline Limited
GLD	Supply of Heparin Injections	2,344,000	Edward Keller Limited
GLD	Agreement for Supply of Spare Parts for 'Onan' Gensets	2,500,000	Tritex Equipment (Hong Kong) Limited
GLD	Agreement for Supply of Spare Parts for 'MAN' Vehicles	4,000,000	Regal Motors Limited
GLD	Supply of Vancomycin Injections	USD528,000	Abbott Laboratories Limited
GLD	Supply of Flecainide Tablets	6,583,000	Zuellig Pharma Limited
GLD	Supply of Balanced Salt Solution Enriched with Bicarbonate, Dextrose and Glutathione	2,298,000	Zuellig Pharma Limited
GLD	Supply of Methyldopa Tablets	1,624,000	United Italian Corporation (Hong Kong) Limited
GLD	Supply of Chinese Newspapers and Periodicals for Hong Kong Public Libraries	8,870,000	Chiao Liu Publication Trading Company Limited
GLD	Supply of Zopiclone Tablets	238,000	Europharm Laboratories Company Limited
GLD	Supply of Ceftriaxone Injections	835,000	Ceutical Trading Company Limited
GLD	Supply of Sotalol Tablets	USD100,000	Hind Wing Company Limited
GLD	Supply of Phenytoin Preparations	3,514,000	Zuellig Pharma Limited
GLD	Supply of Trifluoperazine Tablets	USD392,000	Hind Wing Company Limited
GLD	Supply of Diazepam Tablets	2,074,000	Unipharm Trading Company
GLD	Supply of Polyelectrolyte (Type IV)	5,145,000	Carthage Technology Limited
GLD	Hiring of Grab Lorries and Open/covered Lorries	8,087,000	(1) Leung Kow Kee Transportation Company Limited
		1,862,000	(2) Asia Cleaning Service Company
		739,000	(3) Yau's Transportation Company
GLD	Supply of Conjugated Estrogens Tablets	2,682,000	Wyeth (Hong Kong) Limited
GLD	Supply of Sterile Chlorhexidine Solutions	5,195,000	Baxter Healthcare Limited
GLD	Supply of Road Traffic Signals and Accessories	EUR566,000	Thorn Lighting (Hong Kong) Limited
GLD	Supply of Spare Parts for Sedimentation Tank Collector Chain Scraper	2,836,000	ATAL Engineering Limited

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GLD	Supply of Sodium Silicofluoride	3,548,000	China Resources Chemicals Company Limited
GLD	Supply of Cotton Calico	1,608,000	China Resources Textiles Company Limited
GLD	Supply of Fluoxetine Capsules	2,388,000	The International Medical Company Limited
GLD	Supply of Untensioned Corrugated Beam Safety Fence	1,267,000	Chun Wah Development Limited
GLD	Supply of Co-dergocrine Tablets	2,401,000	Edward Keller Limited
GLD	Supply, Delivery, Installation and Maintenance of Electric Fans	2,256,000	Shun Hing Electronic Trading Company Limited
GLD	Supply of Measles/Mumps/Rubella Vaccine	6,716,000	Edward Keller Limited
GLD	Supply of Polythene Bags	2,767,000	(1) Lik Keung Plastic Factory
		1,377,000	(2) Hinwall Development Limited
GLD	Supply and Installation of Partition Screens and Workstation Panels	2,187,000	Offmax Limited
GLD	Supply of 1.5" CS Cartridge, Multi-source	1,443,000	Rickish Investments Limited
GLD	Hiring of 5.5-tonne Gross Vehicle Weight Box-type Trucks and Open-type Trucks	2,524,000	Wing Lee Generator and Vehicle
GLD	Supply of Flupenthixol Injections and Tablets	6,231,000	IDS (Hong Kong) Limited - Healthcare Division
GLD	Supply of Diltiazem Hydrochloride Sustained Release Capsules	USD463,000	Primal Chemical Company Limited
GLD	Supply of 380V Switchboards and Control Boards for Bowen Road Fresh Water Pumping Station and Magazine Gap Road Fresh Water Pumping Station	1,686,000	Cosmo Limited
GLD	Supply of Pericyazine Tablets	2,315,000	Primal Chemical Company Limited
GLD	Supply and Installation of General Packet Radio Services Communication Equipment for Enhancement of the Geotechnical Engineering Office Raingauge System	1,471,000	Au Posford Consultants Limited
GLD	Supply of Oxpentifylline Sustained-release Tablets	3,611,000	Zuellig Pharma Limited
GLD	Supply of Legal Publications Published by Sweet and Maxwell Group	9,430,000	Sweet & Maxwell Asia, O/B The Thomson Corporation Hong Kong Limited
GLD	Supply of Griseofulvin Tablets	248,000	Vickmans Laboratories Limited
GLD	Supply of Trimipramine Tablets	1,999,000	Primal Chemical Company Limited
GLD	Supply of Enalapril Maleate Tablets	1,700,000	Unipharm Trading Company
GLD	Supply of Purified Inactivated Influenza Vaccine (Split Virion)	3,657,000	Zuellig Pharma Limited
GLD	Supply of Metoprolol Controlled-release Tablets	2,936,000	IDS (Hong Kong) Limited - Healthcare Division
GLD	Supply of Aluminium Sheet	4,495,000	Chun Wah Development Limited
GLD	Supply of Coverlet Quilted Ward	1,544,000	China Resources Textiles Company Limited
GLD	Supply of Pre-mixed Potassium Chloride I.V. Infusion	2,503,000	Luen Cheong Hong Limited
GLD	Supply of Hepatitis B Vaccine	2,975,000	GlaxoSmithKline Limited
GLD	Supply of Propofol Injections	617,000	Edward Keller Limited
GLD	Supply and Installation of Traffic Signal Controller for Use in Existing Area Traffic Control System	AUD317,000 plus HK\$122,000	Thorn Security (Hong Kong) Limited
GLD	Hiring of 5.5-tonne Gross Vehicle Weight Box-type Single Cab Trucks with Tail Lift	8,009,000	Favre Shimizu

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GLD	Supply of Woodfree Printing Paper, Creamwove, 100 gsm, SRA 1, Long Grain	2,434,000	Samson Paper Company Limited
GLD	Supply of Epirubicin Hydrochloride Injections	2,581,000	Zuellig Pharma Limited
GLD	Supply of Haloperidol Tablets and Injections	1,989,000	(1) Zuellig Pharma Limited
		2,241,000	(2) Edward Keller Limited
GLD	Supply of Isosorbide Mononitrate Tablets	1,536,000	Zuellig Pharma Limited
GLD	Supply of Diltiazem Hydrochloride Sustained-release Tablets	NZD1,102,000	United Italian Corporation (Hong Kong) Limited
GLD	Supply of Carbamazepine Tablets	6,050,000	Edward Keller Limited
GLD	Supply of Calcitriol Capsules	1,404,000	Edward Keller Limited
GLD	Supply of Atracurium Besylate Injections	638,000	GlaxoSmithKline Limited
GLD	Supply of Cloxacillin Preparations	657,000	Universal Pharmaceutical Laboratories Limited
GLD	Supply of Rapid Intervention System	1,598,000	Tung Shing Trade Development Company Limited
GLD	Supply of Anthracite to Water Treatment Works in New Territories West and New Territories East Regions	2,755,000	Perricom Pool Equipments and Engineering Company Limited
GLD	Supply of Doxazosin Tablets	3,886,000	Zuellig Pharma Limited
GLD	Supply of Co-amoxiclav Tablets	5,947,000	(1) Hind Wing Company Limited
		4,715,000	(2) GlaxoSmithKline Limited
GLD	Supply of MTU 16V4000M70 Marine Diesel Engine	EUR451,000	MTU Asia (China) Limited
GLD	Supply of Epirubicin Hydrochloride Injections	906,000	Health Care Pharmaceuticals (HKSAR) Limited
GLD	Design, Supply, Installation, Testing, Commissioning and Maintenance of a Communications System for New Territories South Regional Headquarters and Operational Base	1,814,000	PCCW-HKT Business Services Limited
GLD	Hiring of Chartered Bus Service for School Dental Clinics	287,000	(1) Wah Kee Transport Company Limited
		486,000	(2) Man Ho Motor Company Limited
		884,000	(3) Nam Kee Travel Company
GLD	Supply of Timolol Eye Drops	EUR412,000	Hong Kong Medical Supplies Limited
GLD	Supply of White Cotton Drill	1,279,000	Great Harvest Travel and Trading Company
GLD	Agreement for the Supply of Spare Parts for 'Cummins' Marine Diesel Engines	8,000,000	Cummins Hong Kong Limited
GLD	Hiring of Large Saloon Cars	1,766,000	Intercontinental Hire Cars Limited
GLD	Supply of Anti-haemophilic Factor Human (Factor VIII)	USD936,000	Baxter Healthcare Limited
GLD	Supply of Salbutamol Sulphate in Controlled-release Tablets	3,187,000	GlaxoSmithKline Limited
GLD	Agreement for the Supply of Spare Parts for 'Mazda' Vehicles	8,500,000	Mazda Motors (Hong Kong) Limited
GLD	Supply, Delivery, Installation and Maintenance of Domestic Exhaust Fans	4,527,000	ATAL Engineering Limited
GLD	Supply of Triamcinolone Acetonide Dental Paste	1,368,000	Edward Keller Limited
GLD	Supply of Faktu (or equivalent) Suppositories and Ointment	2,774,000	Zuellig Pharma Limited
GLD	Supply of Pimozide Tablets	1,871,000	Edward Keller Limited

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GLD	Supply of Unsaturated Polyester Resin	1,819,000	Jarison Enterprise Limited
GLD	Supply of Hand Roll Paper Towel	1,108,000	Kei Cheung Industries and Trading Limited
GLD	Supply of Woodfree Printing Paper, in Reel	4,425,000	(1) Hop Cheong Paper Company Limited
		664,000	(2) Samson Paper Company Limited
GLD	Supply of Calcitriol Capsules	506,000	Jacobson Medical (Hong Kong) Limited
GLD	Supply of Propofol Injections	532,000	Edward Keller Limited
GLD	Supply, Delivery, Installation, Commissioning, Maintenance, Training and Provision of Other Related Services of the Extended Non-means Tested Loan Scheme System	5,489,000	Excel Technology International (Hong Kong) Limited
GLD	Supply of Fluocinolone Reams	886,000	(1) Medipharma Limited
		255,000	(2) Vida Laboratories Limited
		36,000	(3) Europharm Laboratoires Company Limited
GLD	Supply of a High Pressure Water Jetting/Suction Vehicle	1,423,000	Hong Kong United Dockyards Limited
GLD	Supply of Both Sides Coated Papers	7,600,000	(1) Samson Paper Company Limited
		5,022,000	(2) Hop Cheong Paper Company Limited
GLD	Supply, Delivery and Installation of Surveillance Thermal Imaging System	1,865,000	Peiport Scientific Limited
GLD	Supply of Beclomethasone Dipropionate Aerosol Inhalers	5,882,000	Hong Kong Medical Supplies Limited
GLD	Supply of Isosorbide Dinitrate Sustained Release Tablets	2,310,000	Zuellig Pharma Limited
GLD	Supply of Sterile Irrigation Solution	4,904,000	(1) Luen Cheong Hong Limited
		211,000	(2) Baxter Healthcare Limited
GLD	Supply, Delivery, Installation, Commissioning, Maintenance of Hardware and Software and Other Related Services for the Implementation of Electronic Licensing System	USD644,000	Azeus Systems Limited
GLD	Supply of Carbonless Printing Paper, 55 gsm	2,734,000	(1) Hop Cheong Paper Company Limited
		1,072,000	(2) Fullest (Hong Kong) Limited
GLD	Supply of Vitrimix KV (or equivalent) Intravenous Nutrition	3,023,000	Edward Keller Limited
GLD	Supply of Ampicillin and Sulbactam Preparations	5,607,000	Zuellig Pharma Limited
GLD	Supply of Magnetic Resonance Imaging Contrast Media Agents	2,150,000	Hind Wing Company Limited
GLD	Supply of ABI Consumables and Reagents	7,332,000	Applied Biosystems Hong Kong Limited
GLD	Supply of Legal Publications other than those Published by Sweet & Maxwell Group and LexisNexis Group	6,135,000	Bloomsbury Books Limited
GLD	Supply of Slow Diclofenac Tablets	EUR290,000	Hong Kong Medical Supplies Limited
GLD	Supply of Ticarcillin Sodium and Potassium Clavulanate Intravenous Injections	7,800,000	GlaxoSmithKline Limited
GLD	Supply and Installation of Scanning Electron Microscope	1,790,000	FEI Hong Kong Company Limited
GLD	Supply of Midazolam Injections	1,205,000	(1) Mekim Limited
		202,000	(2) Mayne Pharma (Hong Kong) Limited

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GLD	Supply of Chinese Books	890,000	(1) Joint Publishing (Hong Kong) Company Limited
		907,000	(2) Chung Hwa Book Company (Hong Kong) Limited
GLD	Supply of Non-reflex Traffic Bollards	2,820,000	MP Engineering Company Limited
GLD	Supply of Human Insulin Preparations	4,262,000	Y.C. Woo & Company Limited
GLD	Supply of Metronidazole Intravenous Infusion	3,735,000	Baxter Healthcare Limited
GLD	Supply of Paclitaxel Injections	7,838,000	Edward Keller Limited
GLD	Supply and Delivery of Newspapers and Periodicals	1,154,000	(1) CDS Media Logistics Company Limited
		8,683,000	(2) South Asia Publications Limited
GLD	Supply of Computer-to-Plate Plates and Chemicals	2,935,000	Agfa Hong Kong Limited
GLD	Supply of Consumables for Plotters	703,000	(1) Oce (Hong Kong China) Limited
		583,000	(2) Universal Electronics Limited
GLD	Supply of Shirting Materials White and Light Blue	5,580,000	Central Fabrics Limited
GLD	Supply of Citalopram Hydrobromide Tablets	9,301,000	IDS (Hong Kong) Limited – Healthcare Division
GLD	Supply of Composite Soles for Uniform Shoes	1,248,000	Prosfull Limited
GLD	Supply of Enalapril Maleate Tablets	201,000	(1) Jindun International (Hong Kong) Company Limited
		607,000	(2) Merck Pharmaceutical Limited
GLD	Hiring of 5.5-tonne GVW Box-type Single Cab Trucks with Tail Lift	9,096,000	Luen Yau Hong Kong Limited
GLD	Supply of Co-amilozide Tablets	3,520,000	Edward Keller Limited
GLD	Supply and Installation of High Performance Liquid Chromatography-mass Spectrometry System	1,780,000	Bio-Gene Technology Limited
GLD	Supply of Calcium Nitrate Solution	6,423,000	Jean-Tech Chemicals Limited
GLD	Supply of Beractant Intratracheal Suspension	USD398,000	Abbott Laboratories Limited
GLD	Supply of Mecobalamin Tablets	1,533,000	Edward Keller Limited
GLD	Supply of Ethyl Alcohol	6,153,000	Kou Hing Hong Scientific Supplies Limited
GLD	Supply and Installation of High Performance Liquid Chromatograph System with Photodiode Array Detector, Fluorescence Detector and Mass Pectrometer Detector	1,792,000	Waters China Limited
GLD	Supply of Salmeterol Xinafoate Inhaler	1,929,000	GlaxoSmithKline Limited
GLD	Supply of 'Gambrosol' Peritoneal Dialysis Solution	7,690,000	Gambro China Limited
GLD	Supply of Bromazepam and Flunitrazepam Tablets	1,839,000	Edward Keller Limited
GLD	Supply of Salmeterol Xinafoate Inhalers	7,007,000	GlaxoSmithKline Limited

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GLD	Supply, Delivery, Integration, Commissioning, Maintenance of Fingerprint Verification Software and Related Services for the Implementation of the Automated Passenger Clearance System and Automated Vehicle Clearance System	One-off cost: USD342,000 10-year recurrent cost: USD410,000 including first year free warranty	Congent Systems, Inc
GLD	Supply of Canvas, Natural Colour, Light Weight	2,504,000	Nam Wah Supplies Limited
GLD	Supply of Glibenclamide Tablets	USD102,000	Hind Wing Company Limited
GLD	Supply of Atenolol Tablets	GBP317,000	(1) Luen Cheong Hong Limited
		932,000	(2) Unipharm Trading Company
GLD	Supply of Cotton Calico	1,092,000	(1) Kin Hing Hong Textiles Limited
		2,446,000	(2) Fung Wham Textiles Trading Company
GLD	Supply of Desmopressin Acetate Tablets	9,618,000	Ferring Pharmaceuticals Limited
GLD	Supply of Ready-to-use Test Kits for Gynaecologic Cytology Smears Preparation System	1,049,000	Science International Corporation
GLD	Supply of Cleaning Rags and Cotton Waste	3,758,000	Keen Front Limited
GLD	Supply of Supermarket Gift Coupons	6,447,000	Park'N Shop - A division of A.S. Watson Group (HK) Limited
GLD	Supply and Delivery of Vertical Postman Preparation Fittings	NZD514,000	Transend Worldwide Limited
GLD	Supply of Caterpillar C12 Compact Marine Propulsion Diesel Engine and Spare Parts	2,300,000	The China Engineers, Limited
GLD	Supply of 9mm Luger Ball Ammunition	USD363,000	Federal Cartridge Company, An Alliant Techsystems Inc. Affiliate
GLD	Supply of Cetirizine Hydrochloride Tablets	2,516,000	Zuellig Pharma Limited
GLD	Supply of Concentrate Haemodialysis Solution with Bicarbonate Buffer	3,312,000	United Base (Hong Kong) Limited
GLD	Supply of a Publicity Vehicle	1,790,000	Zung Fu Company Limited
GLD	Supply of Disposable Latex Examination Gloves	3,082,000	Full Yield (Asia) Limited
GLD	Supply of Multi-functional Ankle Protection Boots	4,730,000	W. L. Gore & Associates (Hong Kong) Limited
GLD	Supply of Aminoleban EN Powder	4,032,000	Luen Cheong Hong Limited
GLD	Supply of Consumables for Gynaecologic Monolayer Cytology Preparation System	1,758,000	CYTYC Hong Kong Limited
GLD	Supply of White Cotton Gloves	2,190,000	Full Ever Industrial Company Limited
GLD	Supply of X-ray Security Screening Units	2,400,000	L-3 Communications Hong Kong Limited
GLD	Supply of Medium Bus	1,908,000	Crown Motors Limited
GLD	Supply of White Calico	4,323,000	Great Harvest Travel and Trading Company
GLD	Agreement for the Supply of Spare Parts for 'BMW' Vehicles	2,700,000	BMW Concessionaires (Hong Kong) Limited
GLD	Supply of Hydrocarbon Lubricants and Compounds	5,285,000	(1) Caltex Oil Hong Kong Limited
		2,812,000	(2) Dunwell Petro-Chemical Company Limited

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		171,000	(3) Shell Hong Kong Limited
		2,505,000	(4) Yee Sing Hong Petroleum Chemicals Company Limited
		71,000	(5) Dah Fat Chemical International Limited
GLD	Supply of Spare Parts for Vessel Traffic Services System	2,353,000	(1) PCCW-HKT Technical Services Limited
		3,000	(2) MGE China/Hong Kong Limited
		26,000	(3) First Telecom (Hong Kong) Limited
GLD	Supply of Sinemet Controlled-release Tablets	7,748,000	Edward Keller Limited
GLD	Supply of Naproxen Tablets	NZD797,000	United Italian Corporation (Hong Kong) Limited
GLD	Supply of Sertraline Hydrochloride Tablets	6,572,000	Zuellig Pharma Limited
GLD	Supply of Recycled Uncoated Paper, White, 80 gsm, 640 x 900 mm	870,000	Man Wui Stationery Office Supplies Company Limited
GLD	Supply and Delivery of Audio Materials for the Hong Kong Public Libraries	9,000,000	Ching Mei Records Company Limited
GLD	Supply of Famotidine Tablets	4,932,000	Europharm Laboratoires Company Limited
GLD	Supply of English Books	4,104,000	Academic & Professional Book Centre
GLD	Supply of Light Portable Pumps	2,755,000	Plover Engineering Limited
GLD	Supply of Handheld/Portable Thermal Imagers and Accessories	2,180,000	Eurasie Synergie (EAS) Hong Kong Limited
GLD	Supply of Labetalol Hydrochloride Preparations	8,159,000	GlaxoSmithKline Limited
GLD	Supply of Bromocriptine Tablets	2,621,000	Mekim Limited
GLD	Supply of Fluticasone Propionate Aqueous Nasal Spray	2,125,000	GlaxoSmithKline Limited
GLD	Supply and Installation of Urine Pathology System	1,800,000	Applied Biosystems Hong Kong Limited
GLD	Design, Supply, Installation, Commissioning and Maintenance of Hardware, Software and Provision of Other Related Services for the Implementation of Screening Subsystem of the Electronic System for Cargo Manifests	One-off cost: 960,000 Annual recurrent cost after warranty : 2nd year : 122,000 3rd year to 7th year : 131,000	Global e-Business Services Limited
GLD	Supply of Atracurium Besylate Injections	EUR55,000	Mekim Limited
GLD	Supply of Ciprofloxacin Intravenous Infusion	7,285,000	Zuellig Pharma Limited
GLD	Supply of Human Immunodeficiency Virus Monitor Test Kits	1,815,000	Edward Keller Limited
GLD	Supply and Installation of Partition Screens and Workstation Panels	1,630,000	Offmax Limited
GLD	Supply of Spare Parts for Main Sewage Pumps 'Torishima' CFV 1300 x 1100	2,401,000	Torishima (Hong Kong) Limited
GLD	Supply of Tranexamic Acid Capsules	3,740,000	Hong Kong Medical Supplies Limited
GLD	Supply of Oral Liquids	4,375,000	Vida Laboratories Limited
GLD	Supply of Sodium Fusidate Tablets	2,206,000	Edward Keller Limited

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GLD	Supply of 'Stay Safe Balance' Peritoneal Dialysis Solution	2,598,000	Fresenius Medical Care Hong Kong Limited
GLD	Supply of Gemfibrozil Capsules and Tablets	7,750,000	(1) Merck Pharmaceutical Limited
	Supply of Gemfibrozil Capsules and Tablets	USD1,098,000	(2) Hind Wing Company Limited
GLD	Supply of Latanoprost Eye Drops	9,900,000	Zuellig Pharma Limited
GLD	Supply of Stavudine Capsules	9,559,000	Edward Keller Limited
GLD	Supply of Ceftriaxone Injections	3,432,000	Edward Keller Limited
GLD	Supply of Disposable Sterile Alcohol Swabs	3,090,000	Luen Cheong Hong Limited
GLD	Supply of Zopiclone Tablets	1,641,000	Europharm Laboratories Company Limited
GLD	Supply of Dried Aluminium Hydroxide Compound Tablets	1,335,000	Vida Laboratories Limited
GPA	Provision of Security Services to Government Residences	5,100,000	Securicor Gurkha Services Limited
GPA	Provision of Security Services to Government Residences	5,161,000	Adams Secuforce (International) Limited
HAD	Provision of Catering and Other Related Services for the 55th National Day Celebration Activities (1 October 2004)	1,666,000	Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre (Management) Limited
HKP	Provision of Services for the Sales of Hongkong Post stamps and Other Philatelic Products in the 4 Territories	1,141,000	(1) Unicover World Trade Corporation
		915,000	(2) British and Overseas Philatelic Agency Limited
HKP (Cont'd)	Provision of Services for the Sales of Hongkong Post stamps and Other Philatelic Products in the 4 Territories (Cont'd)	3,000,000	(3) Max Stern & Company
		423,000	(4) International House of Stamps (Siam) Company Limited
HKPF	Provision of Security Guarding Services to the Hong Kong Police Headquarters Complex at No. 1 Arsenal Street, Wanchai, Hong Kong	11,070,000	Adams Secuforce (International) Limited
HKPF	Provision of Telephone Services for the Police Headquarters Compound at Arsenal Street, Wan Chai, Hong Kong	3,151,000	PCCW-HKT Technical Services Limited
HKPF	Provision of Actor Services for Identification Parades for Hong Kong Police Force	1,966,000	(1) Century Services Limited
		2,031,000	(2) Heng Kei Services Company
		903,000	(3) Good View Manpower Services Company
		1,158,000	(4) Weston Entertainment Company
		823,000	(5) Tiba Design Company
		1,150,000	(6) Universe Service Company
		419,000	(7) Raising Entertainment Company
		488,000	(8) Pearlin Service Company
HKPF	Maintenance of the Digital Trunked Mobile Radio Platform (Phase 2)	8,032,000	Nokia (Hong Kong) Limited
HKPF	Provision of Cleansing Services to the Arsenal House, Police Headquarters, Hong Kong Police Force	6,519,000	Sun Fook Kong Housing Services Limited
HKPF	Provision of Towing Service for the Hong Kong Police	5,338,000	Hang Fai Auto Services Company Limited
HKPF	Supply, Delivery, Installation and Commissioning of Intercom/Radio System	GBP154,000	Manifest Marketing Limited

Procuring Department	Particulars	Amount (HK\$)	Contractor
HyD	Construction of Stonecutters Bridge	2,760,000,000	Maeda-Hitachi-Yokogawa-Hsin Chong Joint Venture
HyD	Reconstruction of Causeway Bay Flyover and Associated Widening of Victoria Park Road	72,500,000	Kier-Wai Kee (C&T) Joint Venture
HyD	Improvement to Tung Chung Road between Lung Tseng Tau and Cheung Sha	561,610,000	China Civil Engineering Construction Corporation and China Railway Wujia Group Corporation Joint Venture
HyD	Traffic Control and Surveillance System for Hong Kong-Shenzhen Western Corridor and Deep Bay Link	82,645,000	Serco KML Joint Venture
HyD	Reconstruction of Two Footbridges across Choi Hung Road near Shatin Pass Road and Tai Shing Street	30,426,000	Zhen Hua Engineering Company Limited
HYD	Noise Barriers on Fanling Highway near Choi Yuen Estate and Fanling Centre	138,629,000	Leader - Wai Kee (C&T) Joint Venture
HyD	Management, Operation, Installation and Maintenance of the Public Lighting System in New Territories West (2004-2007)	135,000,000	Kum Shing (K.F.) Construction Company Limited
HyD	Route 8 (formerly Route 9) Traffic Control and Surveillance System	254,980,000	Delcan-Imtech-GECS Joint Venture
HyD	East Tsing Yi Viaduct	1,011,883,000	Dragages-China Harbour Joint Venture
HyD	Enhancement of Bridge Parapets	54,600,000	China State Construction Engineering (Hong Kong) Limited
HyD	Highways Department Term Contract - Kowloon East (2005-2009)	290,000,000	Sun Fook Kong (Civil) Limited
HyD	Highways Department Term Management Contract - Maintenance of High Speed Roads in New Territories East and Hong Kong Island (2005-2013)	480,000,000	Gammon Construction Limited
HyD	Highways Department Term Contract - New Territories West (2005-2009)	500,000,000	China Harbour Engineering Company (Group)
ImmD	Provision of Microfilm and Paper Document Conversion Services for the Immigration Department	24,688,000	NEC Hong Kong Limited
ImmD	Provision of Communication Line Services	4,670,000	(1) PCCW-HKT Telephone Limited
		180,000	(2) New World Telecommunications Limited
ImmD	Provision of Automatic Photographic Studio Services for Members of the Public in Immigration Offices	2,500,000	Fullwise International Limited
Judiciary	Provision of Digital Audio Recording and Transcription Services for the Courts of HKSAR - Contract A	51,940,000	Court Services Asia Limited
	Provision of Digital Audio Recording and Transcription Services for the Courts of HKSAR - Contract B	61,384,000	Megaluck International Limited
Judiciary	Provision of Professional Security Services for Offices of the Judiciary	3,015,000	Uniformity Security Company Limited
Judiciary	Publication of the Authorized Products	500,000	Sweet & Maxwell Asia, O/B The Thomson Corporation Hong Kong Limited
LCSD	Provision of Security Guard Services for Hong Kong Stadium	12,901,000	Security Centre Limited
LCSD	Provision of Security Guard Services for Leisure Venues in the New Territories Areas - Islands and Tuen Mun Districts	6,599,000	Kuokon Security Limited

Procuring Department	Particulars	Amount (HK\$)	Contractor
	Provision of Security Guard Services for Leisure Venues in the New Territories Areas - Kwai Tsing District	5,484,000	Security Cares Consultancy Limited
	Provision of Security Guard Services for Leisure Venues in the New Territories Areas - Tsuen Wan, North, Tai Po and Sha Tin Districts	20,017,000	Kuo Chiau Security Company Limited
	Provision of Security Guard Services for Leisure Venues in the New Territories Areas - Yuen Long and Sai Kung Districts	12,001,000	Security Centre Limited
LCSD	Provision of Management and Supporting Services for Four Sports Centres - Ap Lei Chau Sports Centre and North Kwai Chung Tang Siu Kin Sports Centre	22,846,000	Hong Yip Service Company Limited
	Provision of Management and Supporting Services for Four Sports Centres - Choi Hung Road Sports Centre and Wo Hing Sports Centre	16,490,000	Kai Shing Management Services Limited
LCSD	Provision of Services for Site Formation, Supply and Laying of Turf Topsoil and Subsoil - Hong Kong and Kowloon Areas	5,666,000	Artistic Landscape Management Company Limited
	Provision of Services for Site Formation, Supply and Laying of Turf Topsoil and Subsoil - New Territories Areas	4,437,000	Green Land Gardening Service Comapny
LCSD	Provision of Security Guard Services for Leisure Venues in the Urban Areas - Eastern District	16,273,000	Hong Nin Security Company Limited
	Provision of Security Guard Services for Leisure Venues in the Urban Areas - Wan Chai and Southern Districts	6,139,000	Kuokon Security Limited
	Provision of Security Guard Services for Leisure Venues in the Urban Areas - Central & Western and Wong Tai Sin Districts	16,755,000	Security Cares Consultancy Limited
	Provision of Security Guard Services for Leisure Venues in the Urban Areas - Sham Shui Po, Yau Tsim Mong and Kwun Tong Districts	31,495,000	Guard Able Limited
	Provision of Security Guard Services for Leisure Venues in the Urban Areas - Kowloon City District	9,688,000	Uniformity Security Company Limited
LCSD	Provision of Management Support Services for Island East Sports Centre	26,928,000	Hong Yip Service Company Limited
LCSD	Provision of Cleansing and Supporting Services - Hong Kong Museum of Art, Hong Kong Space Museum and Hong Kong Cultural Centre	12,999,000	Baguio Cleaning Services Company Limited
	Provision of Cleansing and Supporting Services - Hong Kong City Hall	4,899,000	Johnson Cleaning Service Company Limited
LCSD	Provision of Management Support Services for Four Sports Centres - Quarry Bay Sports Centre and Chuk Yuen Sports Centre	14,269,000	Kai Shing Management Services Limited
	Provision of Management Support Services for Four Sports Centres - Cheung Sha Wan Sports Centre	5,703,000	East Point Management Limited
	Provision of Management Support Services for Four Sports Centres - Chun Wah Road Sports Centre	4,987,000	Hong Yip Services Company Limited
LCSD	Provision of Dynamic Back-end Ticketing System and Related Services for the Leisure and Cultural Services Department	66,045,000	CityLine (Hong Kong) Limited
LCSD	Provision of Library Assistant Services for Hong Kong Public Libraries - Group A	30,007,000	Adecco Personnel Limited
	Provision of Library Assistant Services for Hong Kong Public Libraries - Group B	23,702,000	Manpower Services (Hong Kong) Limited

Procuring Department	Particulars	Amount (HK\$)	Contractor
LCSD	Provision of Computer Technician Services for Hong Kong Public Libraries - Group A	10,131,000	Founder (Hong Kong) Limited
	Provision of Computer Technician Services for Hong Kong Public Libraries - Group B	14,559,000	Automated Systems (HK) Limited
LCSD	Provision of Security Guard Services for Hong Kong Central Library	8,477,000	Professional Security Services Limited
LCSD	Provision of Horticultural Maintenance, Cleansing and Supporting Services for Tuen Mun Recreation and Sports Centre	4,935,000	Green Land Gardening Services Company
LCSD	Provision of Maintenance Services for Computer Hardware and Accessories	1,460,000	Jardine OneSolution (Hong Kong) Limited
LCSD	Provision of Admission and Crowd Control Services for Hong Kong Coliseum and Queen Elizabeth Stadium	6,659,000	Securicor Guarding Services (Hong Kong) Limited
LCSD	Provision of Fixed Telecommunication Network Service for Library Automation System of Hong Kong Public Libraries	2,158,000	Hutchison Global Communications Limited
LCSD	Provision of Security Guard Services for Tseung Kwan O Public Library, Tin Shui Wai Public Library, Ma On Shan Public Library and Tung Chung Public Library	2,419,000	Professional Security Services Limited
LCSD	Provision of Security Guard Services for Hong Kong Cultural Centre and Hong Kong City Hall	7,184,000	(1) Kuo Chiau Security Company Limited
		2,839,000	(2) P. Dussmann Hong Kong Limited
LCSD	Provision of Maintenance Services for Computer Hardware and Accessories for Leisure Link System of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department	4,172,000	Automated Systems (Hong Kong) Limited
LCSD	Provision of Cleansing and Supporting Services for Various Venues of the Heritage and Museum Division	5,920,000	(1) Baguio Cleaning Services Company Limited
		108,000	(2) Polyking Services Limited
		1,804,000	(3) Johnson Cleaning Services Company Limited
LCSD	Provision of Cleansing and Supporting Services for Various Venues of the Heritage and Museums Division	5,920,000	(1) Baguio Cleaning Services Company Limited
		108,000	(2) Polyking Services Limited
		1,804,000	(3) Johnson Cleaning Services Company Limited
LCSD	Provision of Security Guard Services for Tseung Kwan O Public Library, Tin Shui Wai Public Library, Ma On Shan Public Library and Tung Chung Public Library	2,419,000	Professional Security Services Limited
LCSD	Provision of Customer and Supporting Services for the Hong Kong Heritage Museum	3,980,000	Synergis Management Services Limited
LCSD	Provision of Transport, Stage Setting and Dismantling Services for Entertainment Office	2,499,000	Chi Fu Transportation Company
LCSD	Provision of Cleansing and Supporting Services for Hong Kong Central Library	8,866,000	Johnson Cleansing Services Company Limited
LCSD	Provision of Construction of Display Material for Museum Exhibitions	2,165,000	Executive Strategy Limited
LCSD	Provision of Management and Operation Services for the Toy Library at the Hong Kong Central Library	3,700,000	Playright Children's Play Association
LCSD	Provision of Security Guard Services for Tsing Yi Municipal Services Building	1,493,000	Uniformity Security Company Limited

Procuring Department	Particulars	Amount (HK\$)	Contractor
LCSD	Provision of Special Security Guard Services for Special Exhibition at the Hong Kong Museum of Art	2,353,000	Security Centre Limited
LCSD	Provision of Cleansing and Supporting Services for Ma On Shan Recreation Ground, Hang Hong Street Garden, Shing Mun River Promenade Garden No. 1, No. 2 and No. 3 at Sha Tin District	1,499,000	The Salvation Army Heng, On Intergrated Service for Rehabilitation Heng On Workshop
LCSD	Provision of Management and Support Services for the Hong Kong Heritage Resource Centre of the Antiquities and Monuments Office	8,337,000	Synergis Management Services Limited
LD	Provision of Security Guard Services for Protection of Government Premises and Land Sites on Hong Kong Island for 2005-2007	6,400,000	Wise Security Limited
LD	Provision of Security Guard Services for Protection of Government Premises and Land Sites in the New Territories for 2005-2007	8,111,000	Wise Security Limited
LD	Provision of Security Guard Services for Protection of Government Premises and Land Sites in Kowloon East and New Kowloon East for 2005-2007	5,012,000	Underwriter Security Limited
LD	Provision of Security Guard Services for Protection of Government Premises and Land Sites in Kowloon West and New Kowloon West for 2005-2007	3,893,000	Underwriter Security Limited
MD	Hiring of Two Harbour Patrol and Passenger-Carrying Launches	6,000,000	Wing Fat Marine Transport Limited
MD	Hiring of Two Landing Pontoons with Two Luggage Handling Cranes to Provide the Berthing and Luggage Handling Facilities at the China Ferry Terminal	7,680,000	Chu Kong Group Shipyard Company Limited
MD	Provision of Service for Land Transport of Marine Refuse	840,000	Asia Cleaning Service Company
MD	Provision of Security Services and Maintenance of Detained Craft at Sham Tuk Wan, Sai Kung	2,113,200	Conrad Management Services Company Limited
MD	Provision of Hull & Deck, Electrical, Air Conditioning and Machinery Maintenance Services for seven (7) Baby Damen 1600 Class Harbour Patrol Launches (Police 11 - 17)	1,672,340	Woo Cheng Mechanical Engineering Factory Limited
MD	Construction of Mooring and Buoys	2,448,000	Leung Wan Kee Shipyard Limited
MD	Construction of Mooring Components	2,017,306	Zhen Mao (H.K.) Company. Limited
MD	Hiring of Two Launches to Provide Services for the Operation of Civil Engineering Department Diving Team	2,310,000	Tsui Wah Ferry Service (HK) Limited
MD	Provision of Hiring of Four Passenger-carrying Launches to Provide Marine Transport Service	2,392,000	Wing Yip Shipping & Transportation Company Limited
MD	Provision of Hiring of Three Passenger-carrying Launches to Provide Marine Transport Service	3,108,600	Wing Fat Marine Transport Limited
MD	Supply and Installation of Physical Floating Barrier at the HK International Airport	2,201,900	Asia Divers Limited
MD	Maintenance Services for Hull, Deck, Electrical, Air-conditioning Items for Seven (7) nos. of "Seaspray" Aluminium Catamaran (Police 22,24,26,28,47,48 and 49)	2,067,960	Tung Hing Builder & Engineering Works Limited
MD	Maintenance Services for Hull, Deck, Mechanical Electrical and Air-conditioning Items for Eight (8) nos. of "Seaspray" Aluminium Catamaran (Police 23,25,27,29-32, and 46)	1,999,053	Hongkong United Dockyards Limited

Procuring Department	Particulars	Amount (HK\$)	Contractor
MD	Maintenance Services for Johnson/Evinrude 90 to 115HP Outboard Engine and Onboard Equipment	2,941,700	The Mustang Marine Company
MD	Provision of Clerical Service	1,344,000	Bravo Personnel Consultancy Limited
ORO	Taking up of Appointment to Complete Preliminary Examination in Bankruptcy Cases	114,000	(1) Patwin Consultants Limited
		117,000	(2) Diskson Morris & Company Limited
		119,000	(3) Hantec Management Limited
		119,000	(4) Goldgate Consultants Limited
		120,000	(5) KLL Associates CPA Limited
		132,000	(6) Leung & Wan Solicitors
		138,000	(7) BMI Consultants Limited
ORO (Cont'd)	Taking up of Appointment to Complete Preliminary Examination in Bankruptcy Cases (Cont'd)	143,000	(8) Saferich Secretarial Limited
		150,000	(9) Huen & Partners
		150,000	(10) Ho & Ip, Solicitors
PlanD	To Conduct a Survey for Collecting Statistics Relating to the Utilization of Commercial and Industrial Floor Space for Updating the Parameters Required for Land Use Planning	1,330,000	MDR Technology Limited
REO	Hiring of Venue for Central Coordination Centre and Central Counting Station for 2004 Legislative Council Election	2,322,000	International TradeMart Company Limited
RTHK	Production, Marketing and Distribution of RTHK TV Programmes on VCD/DVD (PDVD)	1,500,000	Intercontinental Video Limited
SB	Supply of Digital Microwave Radio Terminals and Associated Equipment for the Existing Digital Microwave Link System	5,082,000	Protocom Networks and Systems Limited
TD	Management, Operation and Maintenance of Government Carparks	37,527,000	Sino Parking Services Limited
TD	Management, Operation and Maintenance of Government Carparks and Design, Production, Distribution and Sales of Tickets for Government Tunnels and Toll Roads	40,859,000	Mack & Co Carpark Management Limited
Try	Provision of Electronic Bill Payment Service	2,930,000	Joint Electronic Teller Services Limited
Try	Supply of Cash Transportation Services	9,231,000	Guardforce Limited
TDD	South East Kowloon Development - Site Preparation and Drainage Works at North Apron Area of Kai Tak Airport	89,587,000	Kin Shing Construction Company Limited
TDD	Remaining Engineering Infrastructure Works for Pak Shek Kok Development, Package 2A	196,000,000	Leader-Wai Kee(C&T) Joint Venture
Tourism Commission	Implementation of an Overall Multi-media System for the Production of a New Show under Phase 2 of Harbour Lighting Plan	12,321,000	Laservision Limited
WSD	Replacement and Rehabilitation of Water Mains, Stage 1 Phase 1 Mains in Kowloon City, San Po Kong and Wong Tai Sin	134,359,000	Costain-China Harbour-Aarsleff Joint Venture
WSD	Replacement and Rehabilitation of Water Mains, Stage 1 Phase 1 Mains in Kwun Tong and Yau Tong	113,631,000	WO Hing Construction Company Limited
WSD	Replacement and Rehabilitation of Water Mains, Stage 1 Phase 1 Mains along Kwun Tong Road and Lung Cheung Road	112,800,000	Ming Hing - INFO Joint Venture

Procuring Department	Particulars	Amount (HK\$)	Contractor
WSD	Sheung Shui/Fanling Water Supply-Construction of Ping Che Fresh Water Service Reservoir and Associated Works	56,900,000	Ming Hing Waterworks Engineering Company Limited

The work involved for these tasks is discharged as part of regular duties of the staff concerned. No separate provision is made.

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Post Title Permanent Secretary for Financial
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Date 7 April 2005

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2005-06
**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

FSTB(Tsy)010

Head : 147 Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title) :
Financial Services and
the Treasury Bureau
(The Treasury Branch)

Question Serial No.

0286

Programme : (2) Revenue and Financial Control

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury
(Treasury)

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury

Question :

The Government has been committed to keeping public expenditure at or below 20% of GDP. Please provide details of the amount of savings achieved with the implementation of control measures in 2004-05, and their distribution in various policy areas.

Asked by : Hon. LEUNG Kwan-yuen, Andrew

Reply :

Total public expenditure in 2004-05 is forecast to be \$265.3 billion (equivalent to 20.7% of GDP). Compared with the 2003-04 actual expenditure of \$271.1 billion (equivalent to 22.2% of GDP), the revised estimate for 2004-05 reflects a \$5.8 billion reduction. This comprises –

- (a) a reduction in expenditure of other public bodies (mainly the Housing Authority) of \$5.6 billion,
- (b) savings in recurrent government expenditure of \$1.4 billion, offset by
- (c) increase in government capital expenditure of \$1.2 billion.

The savings in recurrent government expenditure were attributable to the various control measures taken by the Government (including the payout in January 2004 and 2005) and the joint efforts of bureaux and departments. Their distribution amongst different policy area groups is as follows –

	Increase/(Decrease) in 2004-05 Revised Estimates from 2003-04 Actual
	(\$ billion)
Education	(0.9)
Social Welfare	0.2
Health	(1.5)
Security	(0.5)
Infrastructure	- *
Economic	- *
Environment and Food	(0.4)
Community and External Affairs	- *
Housing	- *
Support	1.7
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Net reduction in recurrent government expenditure	(1.4)
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* changes less than \$0.1 billion

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Permanent Secretary for Financial
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(Treasury)

Date _____

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

FSTB(Tsy)011

Question Serial No.

0287

Head: 147 Government Secretariat: Subhead(No. &
Financial Services and the title):
Treasury Bureau (The Treasury
Branch)

Programme: (2) Revenue and Financial Control

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury (Treasury)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury

Question :

The estimated provision for 2005-06 increases \$31.8 m (27.8%), among which the fees for appointment of financial consultants increase substantially from \$14.24 m for 2004-05 to \$41.245 m for 2005-06. Please list in detail the financial items requiring participation of financial consultants in 2005-06. How many of them are new items? Please also advise the expenses involved for each item.

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwan-yuen, Andrew

Reply:

The details of the financial consultancies in 2005-06 are set out below –

Description of consultancy services	Estimated terms of appointment	Estimated provision for 2005-06 (HK\$000)
Feasibility study of the proposed privatisation of Airport Authority	Five months ¹	2,000
Feasibility study of Merger of Mass Transit Railway Corporation Limited and Kowloon-Canton Railway Corporation	Four months ¹	450
Consultancy study on Goods and Services Tax	Three months ¹	4,095

Financial advisory services in relation to –		
(a) implementation of the asset disposal and securitisation programme	Ranges between six and 18 months	24,700
(b) others to be decided in the course of the year	To be decided	10,000
	Total:	41,245

Note 1: Residual term in 2005-06.

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Post Title Permanent Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury (Treasury)

Date 6 April 2005

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2005-06
**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

FSTB(Tsy)012

Head : 147 Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title) :
Financial Services and
the Treasury Bureau
(The Treasury Branch)

Question Serial No.

0288

Programme : (2) Revenue and Financial Control

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury
(Treasury)

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury

Question :

Regarding the major investment and loan proposals to be considered by the Government, what kind of projects will be included? What is the estimated provision for each project?

Asked by : Hon. LEUNG Kwan-yuen, Andrew

Reply :

Investment and loan proposals are funded by the Capital Investment Fund (CIF) and Loan Fund (LF) as appropriate in accordance with the Legislative Council's resolutions for establishment of the respective funds. As a general rule, only those investment proposals which aim to meet an important policy objective and are able to generate adequate income to cover costs and pay a reasonable return on Government's investment will be considered for CIF funding. LF finances developments in respect of statutory bodies or other organisations delivering public services, concessionary loan schemes for specified groups and relief from financial hardship in compliance with policy objectives or under special circumstances. Neither CIF nor LF are intended to compete with private sector financial institutions. They are considered as alternatives when commercial facilities are not available, appropriate or cost-effective. As such proposals for 2005-06 and onwards have yet to be considered, no expenditure can be forecast. However by way of illustration, ongoing projects and schemes under the CIF and LF will incur spending of \$5.8b and \$3.3b respectively in 2005-06.

All proposals must be themselves financially viable and individual commitments of CIF and LF are subject to the approval of the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council.

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Services and the Treasury
(Treasury)

Date April 2005

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Reply Serial No.

FSTB(Tsy)013

Question Serial No.

0289

Head : 147 Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title) :
Financial Services and the
Treasury Bureau (The Treasury
Branch)

Programme : (2) Revenue and Financial Control

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury
(Treasury)

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury

Question :

In 2005-06, the Government will continue to make regular revisions of fees and charges for government services. What types of fees and charges are expected to be included and what will be the expenses involved?

Asked by : Hon. LEUNG Kwan-yuen, Andrew

Reply :

It is the Government's general policy to set fees and charges at levels sufficient to recover the full costs of providing the services. In line with this policy, the Government has put forward proposals to the relevant LegCo Panels in the past few months to adjust some fees and charges that do not directly affect people's livelihood or general business activities. Examples of proposed revisions in 2005-06 include: fees for construction noise permit, collection and disposal charges for marine pollution waste discharged by merchant ships, charges for use of community halls/centres, licence fees for hotel/guesthouse, and fees for licences related to entertainment special effects, etc. These proposed revisions include both fee increases and fee reductions.

In the coming months, the Government will continue to formulate other fee revision proposals in accordance with the "user pays" principle.

Fees and charges review is part of the on-going administrative activities of the concerned bureaux and departments. Expenses so arising are absorbed by the existing allocations.

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Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2005-06
**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

FSTB(Tsy)014

Question Serial No.

0290

Head : 147 Government Secretariat: Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau (The Treasury Branch) Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (2) Revenue and Financial Control

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury (Treasury)

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury

Question :

In respect of the Administration's study on the introduction of a Goods and Services Tax (GST), what is the cost of the various consultancy reports in and before 2004-05? Please list in detail the cost of various consultancy studies, the name of the consultants, the scope of study, the bid price of other companies at the tender and the time required for the entire study. What is the cost of consulting the public on the introduction of GST? Please list in detail the various expenses of the consultation exercise.

Asked by : Hon. LEUNG Kwan-yuen, Andrew

Reply :

In April 2004, at our request, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) sent a study mission team to Hong Kong to advise on the broad policy issues that have to be considered in implementing a GST in Hong Kong. This service was provided free of charge by IMF and hence no cost was incurred on our side.

Separately, we have appointed KPMG Tax Limited as our adviser for the GST work for the period from late September 2004 to June 2005. Its main duty is to assist the Government in its study on all policy and administration issues for formulating a GST framework for Hong Kong. The total value of the contract is \$10 million. The consultancy fees in 2004-05 and 2005-06 are around \$6 million and \$4 million respectively. Regarding the bid price of the other companies, no disclosure can be made as the information is provided by the tenderers to the Government in a confidential manner.

We will consult the public in 2005-06 on whether Hong Kong should and how best to implement a Goods and Services Tax. A provision of \$4.8 million has been earmarked for the purpose. A breakdown of the estimates is shown below :

(a)	printing of consultation materials	\$3.5M
(b)	production of Announcements in the Public Interest	\$0.3M
(c)	other publicity work, such as briefings/fora on GST	\$1.0M
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		\$4.8M

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Services and the Treasury (Treasury)

Date 6 April 2005

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2005-06

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

Reply Serial No.

FSTB(Tsy)016

Question Serial No.

0193

Head: 147 Government Secretariat:
Financial Services and the
Treasury Bureau (The Treasury
Branch)

Subhead(No. &
title):

000 Operational expenses

Programme: (1) Director of Bureau's Office

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury (Treasury)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury

Question :

Please list in detail the revised expenditure of the Director of Bureau's Office for 2004-05 and the expenditure involved in the estimate for 2005-06.

Asked by: Hon. SIN Chung-kai

Reply:

The expenditure of the Office of the Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury is for the salaries and allowances of the Director of Bureau and staff in his Office. The breakdown of the revised estimate for 2004-05 and the estimate for 2005-06 is as follows:

	Revised Estimate 2004-05 \$'000	Estimate 2005-06 \$'000
Bureau Director's salaries	3,232	3,232
Salaries of staff (including Administrative Assistant Senior Executive Officer Personal Assistant Chauffeur Personal Secretary I Clerical Assistant)	3,199	3,168
Allowances of staff	147	147
Job-related allowances	2	2

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Date _____ 4 April 2005 _____

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2005-06
**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Reply Serial No.

FSTB(Tsy)017

Question Serial No.

0194

Head : 147 Government Secretariat: Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau
(The Treasury Branch) Subhead (No. & title):

Programme : (2) Revenue and Financial Control

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury (Treasury)

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury

Question :

In 2005-06, how much resources are estimated to be allocated by the Government for “consulting the public on whether Hong Kong should and how best to implement a Goods and Services Tax”? What will be the expenses for the public consultation exercise and each of the activities planned by the Government?

Asked by : Hon. SIN Chung-kai

Reply :

A provision of \$4.8 million has been earmarked in 2005-06 for consulting the public on whether Hong Kong should and how best to implement a Goods and Services Tax (GST). A breakdown on the estimates is shown below :

(a)	printing of consultation materials	\$3.5M
(b)	production of Announcements in the Public Interest	\$0.3M
(c)	other publicity work, such as briefings/fora on GST	<u>\$1.0M</u>
		\$4.8M

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Reply Serial No.

FSTB(Tsy)018

Question Serial No.

0195

Head: 147 Government Secretariat: Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau
(The Treasury Branch) Subhead(No. & title):

Programme: (2) Revenue and Financial Control

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury
(Treasury)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury

Question :

In respect of “appointing financial consultants to carry out various financial appraisals”, what “financial items” will be assessed? Please explain why the revised estimate for 2004-05 is much lower than the original estimate and the estimate for 2005-06 is substantially higher than the revised estimate for 2004-05.

Asked by: Hon. SIN Chung-kai

Reply:

The details of the financial consultancies in 2005-06 are set out below –

Description of consultancy services	Estimated terms of appointment	Estimated provision for 2005-06 (HK\$000)
Feasibility study of the proposed privatisation of Airport Authority	Five months ¹	2,000
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Financial advisory services in relation to –		
(a) implementation of the asset disposal and securitisation programme	Ranges between six and 18 months	24,700
(b) others to be decided in the course of the year	To be decided	10,000
	Total:	41,245

Note 1: Residual term in 2005-06.

Due mainly to the deferral from 2004-05 to 2005-06 of some financial consultancies originally expected to commence in 2004-05, the revised estimate for 2004-05 is much lower than the original estimate and the estimate for 2005-06 is substantially higher than the revised estimate for 2004-05.

Signature _____

Name in block letters ALAN N LAI

Post Title Permanent Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury (Treasury)

Date 6 April 2005

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

Reply Serial No.

FSTB(Tsy)019

Head : 147 Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title) :
Financial Services and
the Treasury Bureau
(The Treasury Branch)

Question Serial No.

0196

Programme : (2) Revenue and Financial Control

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury
(Treasury)

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury

Question :

Regarding the matter to “continue to consider major investment and loan proposals in support of economic and social development”, what kind of investment and loan projects will be considered? What is the expenditure involved?

Asked by : Hon. SIN Chung-kai

Reply :

Investment and loan proposals are funded by the Capital Investment Fund (CIF) and Loan Fund (LF) as appropriate in accordance with the Legislative Council's resolutions for establishment of the respective funds. As a general rule, only those investment proposals which aim to meet an important policy objective and are able to generate adequate income to cover costs and pay a reasonable return on Government's investment will be considered for CIF funding. LF finances developments in respect of statutory bodies or other organisations delivering public services, concessionary loan schemes for specified groups and relief from financial hardship in compliance with policy objectives or under special circumstances. Neither CIF nor LF are intended to compete with private sector financial institutions. They are considered as alternatives when commercial facilities are not available, appropriate or cost-effective. As such proposals for 2005-06 and onwards have yet to be considered, no expenditure can be forecast. However by way of illustration, ongoing projects and schemes under the CIF and LF will incur spending of \$5.8b and \$3.3b respectively in 2005-06.

All proposals must be themselves financially viable and individual commitments of CIF and LF are subject to the approval of the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council.

Signature _____

Name in block letters ALAN N LAI

Post title Permanent Secretary for Financial
Services and the Treasury
(Treasury)

Date April 2005

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2005-06
**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

FSTB(Tsy)020

Head : 147 Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title) :
Financial Services and
the Treasury Bureau
(The Treasury Branch)

Question Serial No.

0585

Programme : (2) Revenue and Financial Control

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury
(Treasury)

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury

Question :

Based on experience after the reunification, the Government always over-estimates the operating expenditure for the following year (see Table 1). Taking 1998-99 as an example, the Government's actual operating expenditure for that year only accounts for 90% of the estimates. In fact, the Government's operating expenditure is on a downtrend. Please elaborate:

- (1) What are the criteria adopted by the Government for determining the medium range forecast of operating expenditure for the following five years?
- (2) For the forecasts of the operating expenditure for 2005-06, what are the Government's forecasts of inflation for the following years? If the Government expects that there will be inflation in future, what will be the inflation rate? What will be the impact of inflation on operating expenditure?
- (3) The Government has planned to reduce operating expenditure by \$8 billion from now on to 2008-09. Please list the items, policy areas or departments to be involved in the reduction of operating expenditure as well as the amount of savings in operating expenditure each year for each item, so as to achieve the \$8 billion savings target.

Asked by : Hon. SIN Chung-kai

Reply :

- (1) The operating expenditure in the Medium Range Forecast (MRF) basically follows the guidelines laid down by the Financial Secretary in his 2004 Budget, with a view to achieving the fiscal target of reducing operating expenditure to \$200 billion by 2008-09. Having reviewed the actual operational needs, we have reduced the estimated operating expenditure for 2005-06 by \$2.6 billion, from the \$210.6 billion guideline set in the 2004 Budget to \$208 billion.

- (2) We expect that inflation will remain modest with the Composite Consumer Price Index (CCPI) forecast to increase by 1.5% in 2005. The provisions included in the 2005-06 draft estimates should be adequate to absorb the additional expenditure that may arise from inflation. As for the period from 2006 to 2009, the trend rate of increase in CCPI is assumed to be 3.0% p.a. We do not have any assessment of the exact impact of inflation on operating expenditure for these years because –
- (a) we have yet to decide on the allocation of operating expenditure resources amongst various departments, policy areas and expenditure components; and
 - (b) different expenditure components are subject to different price adjustment factors and mechanisms. For example, a significant part of the operating expenditure is related to personal emoluments, which are subject to the review of the civil service pay adjustments mechanism.
- (3) The operating expenditure guidelines are working assumptions to bring the operating expenditure down to \$200 billion in 2008-09 in a gradual pace. The \$208 billion estimated operating expenditure for 2005-06 reflects the austerity drive by government departments. We expect that the civil service establishment will be further reduced by about 2 700 posts in 2005-06 to 163 300 by March 2006. We will continue to contain government expenditure and spend where necessary.

We will review the guidelines each year in the course of Budget preparation, and will consider making adjustments, having regard to factors such as services quality, community needs, price fluctuations, economic development and the fiscal position of the Government.

Signature	_____
Name in block letters	ALAN N LAI _____
Post title	Permanent Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury _____ (Treasury)
Date	2 April 2005 _____

Table 1: Comparison between the medium range forecast for the Government's operating expenditure and its actual operating expenditure

Operating expenditure (HK\$ billion)	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10
1997-98 Budget	159.4	181.6	206.5	235.5									
1998-99 Budget		182.5	200.7	227.8	258.6								
1999-2000 Budget			188.9	193.3	204.9	218.9							
2000-01 Budget				198.5	205.6	216.3	230.5						
2001-02 Budget					210.9	222.9	236.6	252.9					
2002-03 Budget						211.4	210.4	212.8	215.6	219.8			
2003-04 Budget							213.6	212.2	203.4	199.8	203.0		
2004-05 Budget								212.2	210.6	207.1	203.5	200.0	
2005-06 Budget									208.0	207.1	203.5	200.0	202.5
Actual operating expenditure	149.3	164.3	173.9	186.7	198.7	200.3	203.2	201.2*					
The actual operating expenditure is the same as that estimated by the Government (%)	93.7%	90.0%	92.1%	94.1%	94.2%	94.7%	95.1%	94.8%					
Maximum difference between estimated expenditure of various years	0	9	176	422	537	115	262	407	122	200	5	0	0

Source: Budgets of various years

*Revised estimate

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INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

FSTB(Tsy)021

Question Serial No.

1705

Head: 147 Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title):
Financial Services and the
Treasury Bureau (The
Treasury Branch)

Programme: 2 Revenue and Financial Control

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury (Treasury)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury

Question:

1. What are the annual expenses incurred by the Treasury Branch in preparing the forecasts of operating revenues in the past three years? Please provide a breakdown in this respect.

(Note): According to the information provided by the Government, the estimated operating revenues for 2004-05 and 2005-06 are HK\$ 175.6 b and HK\$ 181.4 b respectively, representing an increase of 2.8%.

Asked by: Hon. SIN Chung-kai

Reply:

Preparation of the estimates on revenues is one of the many tasks undertaken by the staff involved in Programme (2): Revenue and Financial Control. We cannot provide a breakdown, but the expenses incurred in this respect should represent only a small part of the relevant provision.

Signature _____

Name in block letters _____

ALAN N LAI

Permanent Secretary for Financial
Services and the Treasury

Post Title _____

(Treasury)

Date _____

6 April 2005

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

FSTB(Tsy)022

Question Serial No.

1706

Head: 147 Government Secretariat:
Financial Services and the
Treasury Bureau (The Treasury
Branch)

Subhead(No. &
title):

000 Operational expenses

Programme:

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury (Treasury)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury

Question :

Why is the "general departmental expenses" of the Branch in 2005-06 over 40% higher than the revised estimate for 2004-05? Please list all the underlying factors and the respective expenses involved. If the increase is related to the employment of contract staff, please give an account of the related staffing, reasons for employment of contract staff and the expenses involved.

Asked by: Hon. SIN Chung-kai

Reply:

The provision for general departmental expenses for 2005-06 is \$5.7 million higher than the revised estimate for 2004-05. The major factor contributing to the increase is the requirement for public consultation on matters relating to Goods and Services Tax and the amount involved is \$4.8 million.

Signature _____

Name in block
letters _____ ALAN N LAI _____

Post Title _____ Permanent Secretary for Financial
Services and the Treasury
(Treasury) _____

Date _____ 6 April 2005 _____

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

FSTB(Tsy)023

Question Serial No.

0122

Head: 147 Government Secretariat: Subhead(No. &
Financial Services and the Treasury title):
Bureau (The Treasury Branch)

Programme: (2) Revenue and Financial Control

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury (Treasury)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury

Question :

In 2005-06, the provision earmarked for appointment of financial consultants shows a significant increase. Please provide details in this respect and give an account of the appointments and research projects undertaken, as well as the reasons for the need for such appointments.

Asked by: Hon. TAM Heung-man

Reply:

The details of the financial consultancies in 2005-06 are set out below –

Description of consultancy services	Estimated terms of appointment	Estimated provision for 2005-06 (HK\$000)
Feasibility study of the proposed privatisation of Airport Authority	Five months ¹	2,000
Feasibility study of Merger of Mass Transit Railway Corporation Limited and Kowloon-Canton Railway Corporation	Four months ¹	450
Consultancy study on Goods and Services Tax	Three months ¹	4,095

Financial advisory services in relation to –		
(a) implementation of the asset disposal and securitisation programme	Ranges between six and 18 months	24,700
(b) others to be decided in the course of the year	To be decided	10,000
	Total:	41,245

Note 1: Residual term in 2005-06.

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Name in block letters ALAN N LAI

Post Title Permanent Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury (Treasury)

Date 6 April 2005

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

FSTB(Tsy)025

Question Serial No.

1191

Head: 147 Government Secretariat: Subhead(No. & title): 000 Operational expenses
Financial Services and
the Treasury Bureau (The
Treasury Branch)

Programme: (2) Revenue and Financial Control

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury (Treasury)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury

Question :

The provision under this programme for 2005-06 is 27.8% higher than that for 2004-05. Please explain in detail the various reasons and the expenditure involved.

Asked by: Hon. TIEN Pei-chun, James

Reply:

The provision for 2005-06 under the programme Revenue and Financial Control is \$31.8 million (27.8%) higher than the revised estimate for 2004-05. The major factors contributing to the increase are:

	Difference between Revised estimate for 2004-05 and Estimate for 2005-06 \$M
Increased requirement for appointment of financial consultants	27.0
Public consultation exercise on Goods and Services Tax	4.8
Increased requirement for air passenger departure tax administration fees	1.7

Such increase is partly offset by the full-year effect of the 2005 civil service pay cut and of deletion of posts in 2004-05.

Signature _____

Name in block letters ALAN N LAI

Post Title Permanent Secretary for Financial
Services and the Treasury
(Treasury)

Date 4 April 2005

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

FSTB(Tsy)026

Question Serial No.

1449

Head: 147 Government Secretariat: Subhead(No. &
Financial Services and the title):
Treasury Bureau (The Treasury
Branch)

Programme: (2) Revenue and Financial Control

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury (Treasury)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury

Question :

It is mentioned in Programme (2) that the Administration will “promote value for money in the delivery of government services”, how many outsourcing service projects in total were promoted by government departments in 2004? What were the total number of staff engaged in outsourcing services? What was the expenditure incurred in outsourcing?

Asked by: Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply:

Under the existing financial management framework, bureaux and departments are given the flexibility to manage their own resources, re-prioritise, re-organise and re-engineer their own work. As part of Government's continual economy drive, they may implement necessary measures, including outsourcing of services to ensure effective use of public money. Individual controlling officers are responsible for ensuring value for money in the use of resources under their heads.

Signature _____

Name in block letters ALAN N LAI

Post Title Permanent Secretary for Financial
Services and the Treasury
(Treasury)

Date 6 April 2005

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

FSTB(Tsy)027

Question Serial No.

0716

Head: 147 Government Secretariat: Subhead(No. &
Financial Services and the title):
Treasury Bureau (The Treasury
Branch)

Programme: (2) Revenue and Financial Control

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury (Treasury)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury

Question :

1. Under the heading of "Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2005-06", it is stated that the Treasury Branch will appoint financial consultants to carry out various financial appraisals. What are the items involved in the financial appraisals? What are the estimated expenditure, as well as the share of such expenditure in the overall estimated expenditure and estimated additional expenditure?
2. Under the heading of "Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2005-06", it is stated that the Treasury Branch will consult the public in 2005-06 on whether Hong Kong should and how best to implement a Goods and Services Tax. Please give an account of the staffing and expenditure involved in such an exercise.

Asked by: Hon. WONG Ting-kwong

Reply:

(1) The details of the financial consultancies in 2005-06 are set out below –

Description of consultancy services	Estimated terms of appointment	Estimated provision for 2005-06 (HK\$000)	Percentage in overall estimated provision in 2005-06 (%)
Feasibility study of the proposed privatisation of Airport Authority	Five months ¹	2,000	5

Feasibility study of Merger of Mass Transit Railway Corporation Limited and Kowloon-Canton Railway Corporation	Four months ¹	450	1
Consultancy study on Goods and Services Tax	Three months ¹	4,095	10
Financial advisory services in relation to –			
(a) implementation of the asset disposal and securitisation programme	Ranges between six and 18 months	24,700	60
(b) others to be decided in the course of the year	To be decided	10,000	24
	Total:	41,245	100

Note 1: Residual term in 2005-06.

The provision for appointment of financial consultants for 2005-06 is \$27.0m (89.6%) higher than the revised estimate for 2004-05.

- (2) The additional work will be absorbed by existing staff resources of the Treasury Branch and a provision of \$4.8 million has been earmarked for the public consultation, including the printing of consultation materials, production of announcements of public interest and other publicity work.

Signature _____

Name in block letters ALAN N LAI

Post Title Permanent Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury (Treasury)

Date 6 April 2005

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2005-06
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INITIAL WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

FSTB(Tsy)028

Question Serial No.

0896

Head :106-Miscellaneous Services Subhead (No. & title) : 190 - Other
miscellaneous

items

Programme :

Controlling Officer : Director of Accounting Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury

Question : A total of \$500,000 was spent in 2004-05 under Subhead 190 Other
miscellaneous items for funeral expenses of civil servants and members of
the auxiliary services who died on duty. What is the average expense?

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Bernard

Reply : As at 24 March 2005, the average expense per case is \$53,000.

Signature _____

Name in block letters _____ Mrs Lucia LI

Post Title _____ Director of Accounting Services

Date _____ 4 April 2005

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2005-06

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

Reply Serial No.

FSTB(Tsy)029

Question Serial No.

0897

Head :106 Miscellaneous Services Subhead : 284 Compensation

Programme : Revenue collection and financial control

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury
(Treasury)

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury

Question : Subhead 284 Compensation is for settlement of claims (other than compensation connected with land, public works, and mail and for civil servants under the Employees' Compensation Ordinance), and for certain ex-gratia payments. Please provide details of the types of claims covered by this subhead.

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Bernard

Reply : Provision under Subhead 284 Compensation is mainly for meeting payments arising from miscellaneous claims against the Government. Such claims may include those involving personal injuries, damage to property, discriminatory practices, wrongful detention, breach of contract, etc.

Signature _____

Name in block letters _____ ALAN N LAI _____

Post Title _____ Permanent Secretary for Financial
Services and the Treasury
(Treasury) _____

Date _____ 7 April 2005 _____

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

FSTB(Tsy)030

Head : Capital Works Reserve Fund

Subhead (No. & title) :

Question Serial No.

Programme :

0105

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury
(Treasury)

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury

Question :

No. 6

Under the Capital Works Reserve Fund, the interest and other expenses on bonds & notes issued are estimated to be \$852,811,000 in 2005-06, which almost doubles that for 2004-05.

- (a) Please provide a breakdown of the interest & other expenses on bonds & notes respectively
(b) What account(s) for the significant increase?

Asked by : Hon. SHEK Lai-him, Abraham

Reply :

The provision for "Interest and Other Expenses on Bonds and Notes issued" for 2004-05 comprises around \$441.5 million for interest payments and \$0.5 million for other related expenses, while the provision for 2005-06 comprises around \$852.5 million for interest payments and \$0.5 million for other related expenses. The increase is attributable to the fact that there would be two half-yearly interest payments for the notes and bonds in 2005-06 while there was only one in 2004-05 (with the notes and bonds issued in July 2004).

Signature _____

Name in block letters ALAN N LAI

Permanent Secretary for Financial
Services and the Treasury
Post Title (Treasury)

Date 30 March 2005

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2005-06

Reply Serial No.

FSTB(Tsy)031

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

Question Serial No.

1598

Head : 703 - Buildings

Subhead : 3100GX - Project feasibility studies, minor investigations and consultants' fees for items in Category D of the Public Works Programme

3101GX - Minor building works for items in Category D of the Public Works Programme

Programme :

Controlling Officer : Director of Architectural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury

Question : Please indicate the projects that will be carried out in Kwun Tong and Wong Tai Sin districts respectively under Subhead 3100GX "Project feasibility studies, minor investigations and consultants' fees for items in Category D of the Public Works Programme" and 3101GX "Minor building works for items in Category D of the Public Works Programme".

Asked by : Hon. LI Wah-ming, Fred

Reply : (a) The following projects in Kwun Tong and Wong Tai Sin Districts are included in the 2005-06 Estimate under Subhead 3100GX "Project feasibility studies, minor investigations and consultants' fees for items in Category D of the Public Works Programme" -

Kwun Tong District

- (i) Minor investigations / consultancy fees for two primary schools near Choi Wan Road and Jordan Valley, Kwun Tong.
- (ii) Consultancy fees for a primary school at Hiu Kwong Street, Sau Mau Ping.
- (iii) Consultancy fees for reprovisioning of Society of Boys' Centre Shing Tak School, New Clear Water Bay Road.

- (iv) Consultancy fees for general improvement works to Ngau Tau Kok Market and Cooked Food Centre.
- (v) Consultancy fees for improvement to Lok Wah Playground, Kwun Tong.

Wong Tai Sin District

- (i) Consultancy fees for additional columbarium at Diamond Hill.
- (ii) Consultancy fees for reprovisioning of Diamond Hill Crematorium.
- (iii) Consultancy fees for general improvement works to Ngau Chi Wan Market and Cooked Food Centre.
- (iv) Consultancy fees for Hammer Hill Road District Park.

(b) Up to now, two projects in Kwun Tong and Wong Tai Sin Districts have been submitted by the project proponent departments for funding approval under Subhead 3101GX "Minor building works for items in Category D of the Public Works Programme" in 2005-06, viz -

- (i) Construction of cover for the spectator stand of the amphitheatre at Morse Park.
- (ii) Conversion of Lion Rock Holding Nursery into a tree depot.

Signature _____

Name in block letters _____ C. H. YUE

Post Title _____ Director of Architectural Services

Date _____ 6 April 2005

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Reply Serial No.

FSTB(Tsy)032

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

Question Serial No.

1444

Head : 25 – Architectural Services Department Subhead :

Programme : (2) – Facilities Upkeep

Controlling Officer : Director of Architectural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury

Question : For the deletion of 16 posts under Programme (2) in 2005-06, please inform this Council :

- a) the ranks of the posts to be deleted;
- b) the reasons for the deletion of posts;
- c) the anticipated savings; and
- d) the arrangements for handling the work as a result of the deletion of posts.

Asked by : Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

- Reply :
- a) The respective ranks of the 16 posts which will be deleted in 2005-06 are set out in the Annex.
 - b) These posts are to be deleted in line with the Department's manpower plan as a result of re-engineering of the Department for increased outsourcing and devolution of the maintenance activities.
 - c) The savings in notional annual mid-point salary cost arising from the deletion of 16 posts are \$5.5 million.
 - d) The work involved is either outsourced or being devolved to the relevant government departments and subvented organizations.

Signature _____

Name in block letters _____ C. H. YUE

Post Title _____ Director of Architectural Services

Date _____ 6 April 2005

Annex

Breakdown of the 16 posts to be deleted under Programme (2) – Facilities Upkeep

Rank	No.
Maintenance Surveyor	1
Building Services Engineer/ Assistant Building Services Engineer	1
Principal Technical Officer (Architectural)	1
Senior Survey Officer (Quantity)	1
Senior Technical Officer (Geotechnical)	1
Technical Officer/ Technical Officer Trainee (Architectural)	2
Chief Technical Officer (Building)	1
Clerk of Works	1
Assistant Clerk of Works	1
Building Services Inspector	1
Assistant Building Services Inspector	1
Works Supervisor I (Building)	1
Assistant Supplies Officer	1
Workman I	1
Workman II	1
Total:	16

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

Reply Serial No.

FSTB(Tsy)033

Question Serial No.

0414

Head : 28 Civil Aviation Department Subhead (No. & title) : 000 Operational expenses

Programme : (6) Air Passenger Departure Tax Administration

Controlling Officer : Director-General of Civil Aviation

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury

Question : In dealing with the application for refund received by post, the department's target is to process it within 35 working days. In order to ensure faster processing time, is there any plan to improve efficiency? If yes, what are the additional resources required, if any ?

Asked by : Hon. YOUNG Howard

Reply : At present, the majority of refund applications come from sea-to-air passengers arriving at the airport through the Sky Pier. In order to ensure faster processing of Air Passenger Departure Tax (APDT) refunds, a refund counter is due to be set up at the Sky Pier in April 2005 to make on-the-spot refunds of APDT to sea-to-air passengers. The arrangements for the refund counter will be coordinated by the Airport Authority. No additional resources for the department will be required.

Signature	_____
Name in block letters	<u>NORMAN LO</u>
Post Title	<u>Director-General of Civil Aviation</u>
Date	<u>7.4.2005</u>

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

Reply Serial No.

FSTB(Tsy)034

Question Serial No.

0415

Head : 28 Civil Aviation Department Subhead (No. & title) : 000 Operational expenses

Programme : (6) Air Passenger Departure Tax (APDT) Administration

Controlling Officer : Director-General of Civil Aviation

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury

Question : How much resources will be allocated to promote the exemption from payment of the APDT for those sea-to-air passengers?

Asked by : Hon. YOUNG Howard

Reply : Notices on the exemption policy and the Air Passenger Departure Tax (APDT) refund application forms have been made available in the Bus Waiting Lounge at the Sky Pier and the Waiting Lounge for the sea-to-air passengers at the Passenger Terminal Building. We also plan to incorporate/update the exemption policy and the means for applying for APDT refunds on the Civil Aviation Department's web site. Resource requirements to implement these measures will be absorbed by the department.

Signature	_____
Name in block letters	NORMAN LO
Post Title	Director-General of Civil Aviation
Date	7.4.2005

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

Head : 31 Customs and Excise Department Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (4) Revenue Protection and Collection

Controlling Officer : Commissioner of Customs and Excise

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury

Question :

Please provide details of the expenditure and staffing incurred by the charging of duties on alcoholic beverages in accordance with the ad valorem structure in 2003-04 and 2004-05.

Asked by : Hon. EU Yuet-mee, Audrey

Reply :

The Customs and Excise Department administers a licence and permit system to control the manufacture, import, export, storage and movement of dutiable commodities. Duty is collected on all dutiable commodities upon their release for local consumption.

Currently, of the four dutiable commodities, only alcoholic beverages are subject to ad valorem (AV) duties. Expenditure including staff resources in 2003-04 and 2004-05 for charging duty on alcoholic beverages under the AV structure is tabulated below -

Financial Year	No. of Staff Involved	Expenditure (HK\$)
2003-04	11	4.161 million
2004-05	11	4.202 million

It is not possible to break down the above manpower and financial resources further into categories of liquor subject to different AV duty rates as the staff concerned deal with all types of liquor and no separate information has been kept. The above figures do not include the other expenditure and staffing for processing applications for duty payment and ancillary tasks, which need to be done no matter whether the duty system is an AV one or otherwise. These figures only reflect the expenditure on the tasks relating specifically to the AV system, which include, for example, pre-clearance vetting and post-clearance verification of declared dutiable values.

Signature _____

Name in block letters _____

TIMOTHY H M TONG

Post Title _____

Commissioner of Customs and Excise

Date _____

6 April 2005

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2005-06
**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

FSTB(Tsy)036

Question Serial No.

0837

Head : 31 Customs and Excise Department Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (4) Revenue Protection and Collection

Controlling Officer : Commissioner of Customs and Excise

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury

Question :

Among the hydrocarbon oil seized in 2004, what are the quantities of diesel oil and motor spirit respectively?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Kin-ye, Miriam

Reply :

In 2004, Customs seized a total of 1 104 441 litres of illicit diesel oil and 594 322 litres of motor spirit.

Signature _____

Name in block letters _____

TIMOTHY H M TONG

Post Title _____

Commissioner of Customs and Excise

Date _____

6 April 2005

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

Head : 31 Customs and Excise Department Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (1) Control and Enforcement

Controlling Officer : Commissioner of Customs and Excise

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury / Secretary for Security / Secretary for Commerce, Industry and Technology

Question : What are the reasons for the upsurge in the number of persons compounded for offences relating to illicit cigarettes in 2004? Among the compounding cases, what are the manpower and expenditure involved in their investigations and arrest, etc?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply :

The Dutiable Commodities Ordinance empowers the Commissioner of Customs and Excise to compound a person (i.e. impose an administrative monetary penalty on offenders of offences contained in Schedule 3 to the Ordinance in lieu of prosecuting them in Court) if the person has failed to declare or made a false or incomplete declaration on the dutiable goods he/she possesses in excess of the duty-free quantities allowed. The number of persons compounded in 2004 at 2 569 has increased substantially over 2003 (by 91%). This is mainly a result of the department's stepped-up measures to enhance the enforcement against the abuse of duty-free concessions by passengers at the control points. Such enforcement measures include –

- (a) establishing a Special Duties Unit in September 2002 to monitor and conduct checks on passengers suspected to have brought in dutiable commodities in excess of the duty-free quantities allowed and without making declarations to Customs;
- (b) linking computer workstations with the Immigration Department at various control points to verify whether an incoming Hong Kong resident had spent 24 hours or more outside Hong Kong in order to be eligible for duty-free concessions; and
- (c) strengthening our intelligence exchange and mounting joint operations with the Mainland Customs to detect cases of abuses at both ends.

The Special Duties Unit mentioned under (a) above is a dedicated team to combat abuses of the duty-free concessions at the control points. The team comprises 13 officers with a salary provision of \$2.9 million per annum. The other Customs officers at the control points, amongst their other duties, continue to undertake control and enforcement actions to protect revenue.

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Name in block letters TIMOTHY H M TONG
Post Title Commissioner of Customs and Excise
Date 6 April 2005

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

Head : 51 Government Property Agency

Subhead (No. & title) : 000 Operational expenses

Programme :

Controlling Officer : Government Property Administrator

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury

Question : Please explain the reasons why the estimated expenditure for leasing and management of quarters under Personnel Related Expenses is \$266m for 2005-06, an increase of 29.5% and 13.8% for 2003-04 and 2004-05 respectively.

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Kam-lam

Reply : The increase in estimated expenditure for 2005-06 is mainly to cater for the cost of managing about 4 300 newly acquired Home Ownership Scheme flats for use as departmental quarters, and for more planned major renovation works for Financial Secretary Incorporated-owned properties in a number of private developments. The extent of such works may vary from year to year depending on the decision of the Owners' Incorporation/ Owners' Committee of the respective development.

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Ms Maria SN KWAN

Government Property Administrator

6 April 2005

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

Head : 51 Government Property Agency

Subhead (No. & title) : 000 Operational expenses

Programme :

Controlling Officer : Government Property Administrator

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury

Question : What are the reasons for the estimated increase of various expenditure items under Departmental Expenses, except "Specialist supplies and equipment"?

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Kam-lam

Reply : The increase of \$16 million in the estimates for "Light and power" is to allow for possible tariff increase for electricity, electricity consumption for four additional working days in 2005-06 and possible increase in demand for electricity consumption in Agency-managed buildings.

The increase of \$3.8 million in the estimates for "Hire of services and professional fees" is mainly to cater for possible increase in management cost under the new property management contract to be awarded through public tender in 2005.

The increase of \$8 million in the estimates for "Workshop services" is mainly to provide for the maintenance of additional electrical and mechanical installations (such as fire services installations and pumping and drainage systems) in the newly acquired Home Ownership Scheme flats for use as departmental quarters and other plants and equipment upon the ending of warranties.

The increase of \$2.38 million in the estimates for "General departmental expenses" is mainly to cater for –

- (i) anticipated increase in advertising costs for commercial lettings due to the need to conduct more tendering exercises in 2005;
- (ii) the employment of two new contract staff : one is to handle tenancy management mainly relating to repairs and decoration works in respect of the temporary leasing-out of surplus quarters. The other is to undertake ad hoc projects relating to the review of internal procedures and control mechanisms;
- (iii) the need to match market rates for contract staff employed to undertake leasing and related duties in respect of temporary leasing-out of surplus quarters; and

- (iv) the procurement of a new plotter to replace the existing one which is beyond economical repair.

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

Head : 51 Government Property Agency

Subhead (No. & title) : 000 Operational expenses

Programme :

Controlling Officer : Government Property Administrator

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury

Question : In May 2004, the Government stipulated that the wages offered to non-skilled workers by contractors of government outsourced services should not be lower than the market average, and the working hours should not be higher than the market average. Has the Government assessed the implications of the implementation of the above measures on Agency's operational expenses? If so, please provide the details.

Asked by : Hon. LEE Cheuk-yan

Reply : Property management services contracts of the Agency are lump sum outcome-based contracts. As the contractors are not required to specify the number of staff they deploy and the lump sum bids usually reflect the culmination of a number of factors, it is not possible to assess in isolation the financial implications of applying the above mentioned requirements to these contracts.

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

Head : 51 Government Property Agency

Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (2) Property Management

Controlling Officer : Government Property Administrator

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury

Question : With reference to Programme (2), please provide the respective staff establishment of the following categories of officers :

1. pensionable officers;
2. agreement officers;
3. non-civil service contract staff; and
4. staff engaged under outsourcing service contracts

Asked by : Hon. LEUNG Yiu-chung

Reply : The respective staff establishment of the following categories of officers under Programme (2) Property Management as at 31 March 2005 is estimated to be :

1. pensionable officers : 64
2. agreement officers : 1
3. non-civil service contract staff : 0
4. staff engaged under outsourcing service contracts : Under the property management services contracts which are outcome-based contracts, the contractors are not required to specify the number of staff they deploy. However, according to information from the contractors, they currently employ a total of about 2 200 staff, mostly security guards and cleaners, in providing property management services to the Agency.

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

Head : 51 Government Property Agency

Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (2) Property Management

Controlling Officer : Government Property Administrator

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury

Question : The average management cost of government wholly-owned quarters (\$/m²/month) is estimated to be \$7.8 in 2005-06.

- (i) Is the level of the management cost set according to market prices? If yes, please provide details. If not, why?
- (ii) Will the management cost be adjusted in line with the rise in price index?

Asked by : Hon. SHEK Lai-him, Abraham

Reply : (i) The average management cost of government wholly-owned quarters is estimated to be \$7.8/m²/month in 2005. The management cost covers electricity charges of common areas and cleaning, security and building management services provided under the property management services contracts. The latter is awarded through public tender and reflects market prices at the time.

- (ii) Yes, there is specific provision in the property management services contracts for upward or downward adjustment of the management cost annually in line with the movement of the composite consumer price index.

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Government Property Administrator

6 April 2005

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

Reply Serial No.

FSTB(Tsy)043

Question Serial No.

0554

Head : 51 Government Property Agency

Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (3) Estate Utilisation

Controlling Officer : Government Property Administrator

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury

Question : According to the estimates of 2005-06, the targeted let out rate of surplus non-departmental quarters with tenure of two years or more is 80%. Is there any plan to increase the let out rate for the purpose of achieving a higher let out rate? If yes, what is the plan? If no, why?

Asked by : Hon. SHEK Lai-him, Abraham

Reply : In estimating the target let out rate, the Agency would take into account the void period between tenancies including time for repair and renovation of units, time for marketing, etc. For 2005, we expect that about 60 more surplus non-departmental quarters will be passed to the Agency for letting. Hence, notwithstanding the higher actual let out rate achieved in 2004, we have set the target let out rate at 80%.

That said, the Agency, as always, will work to let out as many units as possible. To this end, we will continue to review rental regularly to ensure competitiveness of the units in the leasing market. We will also maintain close liaison with Architectural Services Department to ensure that any required repair or renovation is done promptly. Success in actual letting of surplus quarters is however also dependent on demand and supply of similar flats in the leasing market.

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Government Property Administrator

6 April 2005

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2005-06
**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

FSTB(Tsy)044

Question Serial No.

0555

Head : 51 Government Property Agency

Subhead (No. & title) : 000 Operational expenses

Programme :

Controlling Officer : Government Property Administrator

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury

Question : Why is the "General Departmental Expenses" of the department for 2005-06 higher than the revised estimates for 2004-05 by more than 40%? Please list each and every factor and the expenses incurred. If the growth is related to the appointment of contract staff, please state the staffing involved, the reasons for the appointment of contract staff and the expenses incurred.

Asked by : Hon. SIN Chung-kai

Reply : The increase of \$2.38 million in the provision for "General departmental expenses" in the 2005-06 estimates is mainly to cater for –

- (i) anticipated increase in advertising costs for commercial lettings due to the need to conduct more tendering exercises in 2005 (\$1.2 million);
- (ii) the employment of two new contract staff (\$0.96 million) : one is to handle tenancy management mainly relating to repairs and decoration works in respect of the temporary leasing-out of surplus quarters. The other is to undertake ad hoc projects relating to the review of internal procedures and control mechanisms;
- (iii) the need to match market rates for contract staff employed to undertake leasing and related duties in respect of temporary leasing-out of surplus quarters (\$0.11 million); and

- (iv) the procurement of a new plotter to replace the existing one which is beyond economical repair (\$0.11 million).

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Government Property Administrator

Date

6 April 2005

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

Head : 51 Government Property Agency

Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (3) Estate Utilisation

Controlling Officer : Government Property Administrator

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury

Question : Regarding the matter that the Government will “identify government properties with commercialisation potential with a view to realising that potential, where appropriate” in 2005-06, what is the specific work plan? What is the expenditure involved?

Asked by : Hon. TIEN Pei-chun, James

Reply : The Agency will continue to explore commercial opportunities at government premises. These will include lettings of canteens, advertising spaces, shops, cafes/restaurants/kiosks, surplus non-departmental quarters and carparking spaces in government buildings after office hours. The total number of lettings in 2005 is estimated to be over 1 100 with potential revenue of about \$461 million.

In 2005, expenditure related to commercialisation activities is estimated to be \$28 million.

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Ms Maria SN KWAN

Government Property Administrator

6 April 2005

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

FSTB(Tsy)046

Question Serial No.

1185

Head: 59 - Government Logistics
Department

Subhead(No. &
title):

Programme: (2) Supplies Management

Controlling Officer: Director of Government Logistics

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury

Question:

1. During the previous two years, there is a significant decrease in the purchase of common-user items under the indicator "the value of purchase of general stores". Please provide details on how the Department can significantly reduce the purchase of these items.
2. There is also a continued decrease in the purchase of essential and emergency items under the indicator "the value of purchase of general stores". What is the reason? Is the reason similar to that of the reduction in the purchase of common-users items?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Kam-lam

Reply:

1. The purchase value of common-user items has decreased significantly in the previous two years because we have modernised our procurement and stockholding practices as follows:
 - (a) Adoption of "Just-in-time" methodology for the supply of common-user items to user departments. Allocated term contracts for common-user items have been arranged so that user departments can place orders directly with the contractors on an "as and when required" basis with direct delivery of the goods to them by the contractors.
 - (b) Adoption of zero inventory management for common-user items. Only essential and emergency items are maintained in our centralised warehouse in Chai Wan for use by user departments.
2. The value of purchase for essential and emergency items was \$12.5 million in 2004 because of purchases made in connection with the preventive measures for the outbreak of Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome, Avian Flu and Japanese Encephalitis. Based on the user departments' forecast requirements, the purchase value of these items is estimated to be \$5 million in 2005.

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Stella HUNG (Mrs)

Post Title

Director of Government Logistics

Date

6 April 2005

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

FSTB(Tsy)047

Question Serial No.

1617

Head: 59 -Government Logistics
Department

Subhead(No. & title): 000 Operational expenses

Programme:

Controlling Officer: Director of Government Logistics

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury

Question:

There will be deletions of 28, eight and seven posts under the programmes of Supplies Management, Land Transport and Printing Services respectively in the coming year. Please provide a breakdown of the post titles and the main duties of these posts, the reasons for the deletions and the savings expected to be realised in the coming year.

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Kam-lam

Reply:

The 28 posts to be deleted under the programme of Supplies Management comprise two Senior Supplies Supervisors, four Supplies Supervisors I, eight Supplies Supervisors II, five Supplies Assistants, one Supplies Attendant, one Artisan, one Ganger, three Workmen II and three Property Attendants. The main duties of these posts include supplies chain management, store operation, data processing, minor manual work and security support to storehouse.

The eight posts to be deleted under the programme of Land Transport comprise two Chauffeurs, one Special Driver, four Motor Drivers and one Driving Instructor. These posts are involved in providing driving service, driving instruction and test.

The seven posts to be deleted under the programme of Printing Services comprise six Printing Technicians II and one Workman II. The main duties of these posts include the operation of printing machines and minor manual work in the process of printing production.

Deletion of the 43 posts is to achieve efficiency savings. In terms of notional annual mid-point salary, it will bring about savings of \$7.1 million in 2005-06.

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Director of Government Logistics

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

FSTB(Tsy)048

Question Serial No.

1632

Head: 59 -Government Logistics
Department

Subhead(No. & title): 691 General purpose
vehicles (block vote)

Programme: (3) Land Transport

Controlling Officer: Director of Government Logistics

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury

Question:

1. There is a significant increase in the numbers of vehicles to be replaced in the estimate as compared with the previous two years. What are the reasons? Please provide a breakdown by departments, types and purposes of these vehicles. What will be the total expenditure for the replacement? Will they be charged to the provision of \$90,000,000 under Subhead General purpose vehicles (block vote)? If not, what will be the funding source for the balance?
2. Furthermore, how does Government determine the depreciation rates and schedule for replacement of government vehicles?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Kam-lam

Reply:

1. The increase in the number of replacement vehicles is mainly due to the cyclical nature of the vehicle replacement programme. The vehicles included are entirely for replacement of the existing ones which have all reached the end of their serviceable life on the basis of the Economic Life Model (ELM) that takes into account accumulated maintenance cost, vehicle age, mileage and replacement cost. The information about the types, user departments and usages of the vehicles to be replaced is provided at the Annex. The provision for replacement vehicles will be charged to the General purpose vehicles block vote subhead.
2. Depreciation rates of government vehicles vary considerably with their usage, mileage coverage, nature of load, and areas of operation, etc. Thus, the replacement need of a vehicle is assessed on the basis of ELM, which takes into account accumulated maintenance cost, vehicle age, mileage run and the cost of a new vehicle in determining the optimal time of replacing a vehicle.

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Post Title Director of Government Logistics
Date 6 April 2005

**General Purpose Vehicles to be procured in 2005-06
under Head 59 Subhead 691**

Vehicle type	No. of vehicles	User departments (No. of vehicles)	Vehicle usage
Motorcycle	213	Hong Kong Police Force (193), Fire Services Department (6), Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (11), Water Supplies Department (3)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For police officers to perform traffic policing and patrolling duties - For officers to attend emergency calls - For officers working in remote area to carry out site inspection, patrolling and enforcement duties
Car (include 7-seater car)	165	Hong Kong Police Force (79), Fire Services Department (20), Customs and Excise Department (7), Independent Commission Against Corruption (4), Immigration Department (2), Architectural Services Department (2), Department of Justice (3), Government Logistics Department (12), Home Affairs Department (5), Judiciary (2), Water Supplies Department (4) and 25 other departments (25)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For officers to carry out investigation, covert and surveillance duties - For officers to attend emergency calls - For receiving local and overseas guests/visitors - For conveyance of officers to attend official functions and site inspections

Vehicle type	No. of vehicles	User departments (No. of vehicles)	Vehicle usage
Van	160	Hong Kong Police Force (58), Customs and Excise Department (11), Fire Services Department (8), Immigration Department (5), Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (6), Civil Aid Service (1), Correctional Services Department (1), Department of Health (2), Drainage Services Department (12), Environmental Protection Department (1), Government Secretariat (1), Home Affairs Department (3), Highways Department (2), Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (8), Government Logistics Department (2), Independent Commission Against Corruption (3), Inland Revenue Department (2), Legal Aid Department (1), Leisure and Cultural Services Department (10), Lands Department (1), Planning Department (1), Transport Department (2), Water Supplies Department (19)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For officers to carry out police patrolling duties, conduct covert, surveillance, raiding and arresting operations For conveyance of operational teams and equipment to work sites For delivery of samples, documents and stores

Vehicle type	No. of vehicles	User departments (No. of vehicles)	Vehicle usage
Bus (16-seater to 35-seater buses)	56	Correctional Services Department (23), Immigration Department (10), Customs and Excise Department (3), Fire Services Department (2), Hong Kong Police Force (1), Auxiliary Medical Service (6), Civil Aviation Department (2), Civil Aid Service (1), Department of Health (2), Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (3), Government Logistics Department (1), Leisure and Cultural Services Department (2)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For conveyance of inmates/ prisoners For conveyance of non-emergency patients to hospitals/ clinics For conveyance of operational teams to perform their duties For providing shuttle service in remote areas
Cross Country Vehicle (4-wheel drive vehicle)	18	Hong Kong Police Force (2), Fire Services Department (5), Correctional Services Department (1), Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (4), Civil Aid Service (1), Transport Department (5)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For officers to carry out patrolling, law enforcement and operational duties in remote and rural areas For tunnel patrol and emergency attendance
Total:	612		

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

FSTB(Tsy)049

Question Serial No.

1633

Head: 59 -Government Logistics
Department

Subhead(No. & title):

Programme: (4) Printing Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Government Logistics

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury

Question:

1. Please provide specific details on how the fitting-out works in the printing factory for reducing the floor areas from six storeys to four storeys achieve efficiency savings.
2. What is the estimated amount required for the fitting-out work?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Kam-lam

Reply:

1. The project involves merging the security printing floor with the other printing/finishing shopfloors, rationalisation of use of floor space and disposal of machines and equipment which are at the end of their economic life and costly to maintain. These measures will allow us to reduce the operating space from 6 storeys (10,883 m²) to 4 storeys (7,527 m²). As a result, the following annual recurrent savings can be achieved :-

	Total (\$million)
(a) Management and maintenance costs	4.76
(b) Machine maintenance and other operating cost	0.28
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Total estimated cash savings :	5.04

2. The one-off capital cost for the fitting-out works is \$7.4 million.

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Post Title Director of Government Logistics
Date 6 April 2005

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

FSTB(Tsy)050

Question Serial No.

0064

Head: 59 - Government Logistics
Department

Subhead(No. &
title):

Programme: (1) Procurement

Controlling Officer: Director of Government Logistics

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury

Question:

Please provide information as listed below concerning the adoption of the policy of purchasing environmentally-friendly products this year by all government departments:

- (a) Is there any additional provision allocated by the Department for this purpose?
- (b) Are there any guidelines and indicators for the purchase of each environmentally-friendly product?

Asked by: Hon. EU Yuet-mee, Audrey

Reply:

- (a) From experience, the adoption of environmentally-friendly specifications for purchase of commonly available items does not necessarily lead to significantly higher prices. Hence, no additional provision is made for this purpose.
- (b) On the purchase of environmentally-friendly products, the Stores and Procurement Regulations of the Government stipulates that when drawing up tender specifications, departments should avoid single-use disposal items and where economically rational, purchase products with improved recyclability, higher recycled content, reduced packing, greater durability, etc.

In addition, the Government Logistics Department (GLD) is accredited to the ISO14001 Environmental Standard and is committed to the 4R principles (reduce, reuse, recycle and recover) at each phase of the material life-cycle whereby procurement activities can be more environmentally responsible. GLD also regularly issues circular memo encouraging bureaux/departments to follow the same practices.

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Director of Government Logistics

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6 April 2005

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

FSTB(Tsy)051

Question Serial No.

0469

Head: 59 - Government Logistics
Department

Subhead(No. & title):

Programme: (3) Land Transport

Controlling Officer: Director of Government Logistics

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury

Question:

It is stated under this programme that there will be “the replacement of diesel light buses progressively with those driven by liquefied petroleum gas (LPG)” by the Government. Please provide information as listed below:

- (a) Please make a comparison of the cost of purchasing LPG light buses and diesel light buses.
- (b) What are the numbers of LPG light buses and diesel light buses in the government fleet?
- (c) How to implement the progressive replacement of diesel light buses by LPG light buses?

Asked by: Hon. EU Yuet-mee, Audrey

Reply:

- (a) We last procured diesel light buses in 2000 and the tender price was \$283,600 per vehicle excluding the first registration tax (FRT). As for LPG light buses, the last tender exercise was conducted in 2003 and the tender price was \$264,000 per vehicle excluding FRT. According to the latest market survey, the estimated cost of an LPG light bus is \$344,390, excluding FRT. This is about 2% lower than that of a diesel light bus at about \$352,000.
- (b) At present, there are 339 light buses in the government fleet, of which 119 (35%) are LPG and 220 (65%) are diesel vehicles.

- (c) Arrangements will be made to replace all 220 diesel light buses by LPG ones when they are due for replacement on the basis of the Economic Life Model which takes into account accumulated maintenance cost, vehicle age, mileage and replacement cost. The anticipated replacement schedule is as follows:

2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	Total
36	13	38	64	55	14	220

In the meantime, all diesel light buses in the government fleet are using ultra-low sulphur diesel, which helps improve the emission of the vehicles.

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Post Title Director of Government Logistics

Date 6 April 2005

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

FSTB(Tsy)052

Question Serial No.

0468

Head: 59 - Government Logistics
Department

Subhead(No. & title):

Programme: (3) Land Transport

Controlling Officer: Director of Government Logistics

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury

Question:

In an effort to downsize the government fleet, the Government has launched a taxi hiring scheme some years ago. Please provide information as listed below:

- (a) Please provide a breakdown of the number of taxi hiring and the expenditure by all bureaux /departments in the past three years.
- (b) Which department hires taxis most frequently and why?
- (c) Which department hires taxis least frequently and why?
- (d) Has the Administration assessed whether the Government spends less expenditure on the taxi-hiring scheme than providing departmental vehicles for individual department? If so, how much expenditure has been saved?
- (e) Has the Administration made an evaluation on whether the scheme has effectively contributed to the downsizing of government fleet?
- (f) Is the Administration satisfied with the effectiveness of the scheme?

Asked by: Hon. LAM Kin-fung, Jeffrey

Reply:

The Taxi Hiring Scheme was launched in February 2003. It aims at providing an alternative mode of commercial transport to supplement the existing transport provision for duty travel by government officers having regard to operational efficiency and cost-effectiveness.

- (a) A breakdown of the number of taxi hiring and the expenditure incurred by all bureaux/departments since the scheme was launched is at ***Annex A***.

(b)&(c) The hiring of hourly rated taxis is decided by individual bureau/department based on its actual operational needs and assessment of the cost-effectiveness of using such taxis in comparison with other modes of hired or public transport. Since the scheme was launched, the Transport Department has used hourly-rated taxis the most frequently. On the other hand, there were other departments which had no operational requirement for their use.

(d)&(e) Hourly-hired taxis are intended primarily for supplementing departmental transport in meeting ad hoc passenger transport requirements. The introduction of the Taxi Hiring Scheme has enabled the withdrawal of ten medium saloon cars in the Government Logistics Department's transport pool, which served similar purposes, and resulted in an annual savings of \$2.13M in staff salaries and departmental operating expenses.

(f) Yes, we consider that the Taxi Hiring Scheme has achieved the purpose of providing a cost-effective alternative mode of commercial transport for hire by bureaux/departments.

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Post Title Director of Government Logistics

Date 7 April 2005

Statistics of Taxi Hiring Scheme

Bureaux / Departments	2/2003-12/2003*		1/2004-12/2004		1/2005-2/2005		Total	
	No. of Hirings	Expenditure \$	No. of Hirings	Expenditure \$	No. of Hirings	Expenditure \$	No. of Hirings	Expenditure \$
Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department			1	420			1	420
Buildings Department	1	248	9	2,349	1	258	11	2,855
Census and Statistics Department	12	4,340	10	3,230	2	840	24	8,410
Civil Service Bureau	17	5,218	13	3,537	1	645	31	9,400
Government Logistics Department			6	1,817			6	1,817
Economic Development and Labour Bureau	6	2,085	6	3,641	1	460	13	6,186
Education and Manpower Bureau	3	1,562					3	1,562
Environment, Transport and Works Bureau	11	3,273	29	9,110	4	1,250	44	13,633
Housing, Planning and Lands Bureau	1	310	1	1,178			2	1,488
Home Affairs Department			1	430			1	430
Judiciary	1	290					1	290
Labour Department	1	551					1	551
Office of the Telecommunications Authority	1	325					1	325
Planning Department	63	34,951	87	42,712	4	4,099	154	81,762
Transport Department	459	144,236	392	114,486	40	10,705	891	269,427
Total	576	197,389	555	182,910	53	18,257	1,184	398,556

* Taxi Hiring Scheme was introduced in February 2003.

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

FSTB(Tsy)053

Question Serial No.

0464

Head: 59 - Government Logistics
Department

Subhead(No. & title):

Programme: (4) Printing Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Government Logistics

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury

Question:

Concerning the printing services, please specify the recycled paper used by the Government Logistics Department as a percentage of the total cost of the printing services. Will there be increase use of recycled paper in 2005-06? If so, what is the indicator?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwan-yuen, Andrew

Reply:

In 2004-05, paper cost as a whole accounted for about 19.5% of the total cost of the printing services. 10.5% of the paper used was paper with recycled content.

As an ISO 14001 Environmental Management Systems accredited organisation, the Printing Division of the Government Logistics Department is conscious of the need to adopt environmental friendly measures, including the use of paper with recycled content and has always been encouraging client departments to do the same. However, whether paper with recycled content can actually be used for a particular print job depends largely on the nature and purpose of the print product in question which ultimately determine the type of paper to be used.

Signature _____

Name in block letters _____ Stella HUNG (Mrs)

Post Title _____ Director of Government Logistics

Date _____ 7 April 2005

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

FSTB(Tsy)054

Question Serial No.

0467

Head: 59 - Government Logistics
Department

Subhead(No. & title):

Programme: (1) Procurement

Controlling Officer: Director of Government Logistics

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury

Question:

Dr LIAO Sau-tung, Sarah, the Secretary for the Environment, Transport and Works, has stated in public that there would be an increased use of environmentally-friendly products in all government departments in future. The Government Logistics Department is responsible for the supply of stores to all government departments, does the Department expect an increase or a decrease in the purchase value of more environmentally-friendly products in 2005-06? What is the percentage of change?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwan-yuen, Andrew

Reply:

As the procurement agent for government bureaux/departments, the Government Logistics Department (GLD) endeavours to promote environmentally responsible purchases and continuously encourages bureaux/departments to use environmentally-friendly products by incorporating green specifications where appropriate in their requirements. GLD also draws to the attention of user bureaux/departments the Stores and Procurement Regulations of the Government which stipulate that when drawing up tender specifications, they should avoid single-use disposal items and should purchase products with improved recyclability, higher recycled content, reduced packing, greater durability, etc.

However, whether there is going to be an increase or decrease in the purchase value of 'green' products in 2005-06 will very much depend on the actual quantities and types of products required by the user bureaux/departments throughout the year and the market availability of environmentally-friendly products for such kinds of commodities.

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Name in block letters Stella HUNG (Mrs)

Post Title Director of Government Logistics

Date 6 April 2005

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

FSTB(Tsy)055

Question Serial No.

0170

Head: 59 -Government Logistics
Department

Subhead(No. & title):

Programme: (2) Supplies Management

Controlling Officer: Director of Government Logistics

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury

Question:

The financial provision for 2005-06 (Estimate) is \$85.7 million or -28.0% on 2004-05 Original. Can you provide a detailed breakdown of the reduction of financial provision in terms of the various services provided by the department?

Asked by: Hon. SHEK Lai-him, Abraham

Reply:

The breakdown of the reduction of financial provision is as follows :

Supplies Management Services	Reduction of financial provision \$m
Supply of common-user items	26.7
Assisting other government departments to manage their supplies effectively	6.7
	33.4 (i.e. 28.0% of the 2004-05 Original Estimate)

We have modernised our procurement and stockholding practices with: -

- (a) the arrangement of allocated term contracts for the supply of common-user items whereby user departments place orders directly with the contractors on an "as and when required" basis with direct delivery of the goods to them by the contractors; and
- (b) the adoption of zero inventory management for common-user items. Only essential and emergency items are maintained in our centralised warehouse in Chai Wan for use by user departments.

As a result of the new stocking policy, the Government Logistics Department (GLD) is able to downsize the warehouse management and computer operations for common-user items with savings in staff cost and departmental expenses.

The new stocking policy is also applicable to user departments. It leads to a reduction in the workload of the Supplies Management Division of GLD in respect of the stock control, administration and verification of the common-user items stored and managed by user departments.

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Name in block letters

Stella HUNG (Mrs)

Post Title

Director of Government Logistics

Date

6 April 2005

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

FSTB(Tsy)056

Question Serial No.

0470

Head: 59 - Government Logistics
Department

Subhead(No. & title):

Programme: (1) Procurement

Controlling Officer: Director of Government Logistics

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury

Question:

There was a significant decrease in the actual value of contracts and number of contracts handled (a decrease of 35% and 20% respectively) by the Department in 2004 as compared with 2003. Furthermore, the estimated number of contracts for purchases and the value of contracts are also significantly decreased in 2005 as compared with 2003. As there is a significant decrease in the number of contracts for purchases, why the decrease in estimate for this programme is less than 5% as compared with 2003-04?

Asked by: Hon. SIN Chung-kai

Reply:

Although it is of relevance, the financial provision for Programme (1) Procurement is not determined solely by the "value and number of contracts handled" by the Government Logistics Department (GLD) on behalf of user bureaux/departments. The funding is provided for meeting the GLD's operational expenses in the discharge of its procurement functions. These activities involve not only the arrangement of tenders and award of contracts on behalf of other user bureaux/departments but also, equally importantly, subsequent administration of the contracts including, for example, the monitoring of contractors' performance, and following up on contract disputes and claims as necessary. Since many of the contracts awarded were for more than one year, adequate resources have to be allocated to ensure that they are administered properly and fulfilled satisfactorily.

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Name in block letters

Stella HUNG (Mrs)

Post Title

Director of Government Logistics

Date

6 April 2005

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

Reply Serial No.

FSTB(Tsy)057

Question Serial No.

0471

Head: 59 - Government Logistics
Department

Subhead(No. & title):

Programme: (3) Land Transport

Controlling Officer: Director of Government Logistics

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury

Question:

The Department will replace 612 vehicles in 2005-06, an increase of 25% as compared with 484 vehicles in 2004. What is the reason for the rapid increase?

- (1) What is the percentage of these vehicles in terms of total vehicles currently managed by the Department?
- (2) Please categorise these 612 vehicles by user departments with breakdown by types, age and reasons for replacement and the expected expenditure involved.

Asked by: Hon. SIN Chung-kai

Reply:

The increase in the number of replacement vehicles is mainly due to the cyclical nature of the vehicle replacement programme. The vehicles included are entirely for replacement of the existing ones which have all reached the end of their serviceable life based on the assessment of the Economic Life Model which takes into account accumulated maintenance cost, vehicle age, mileage and replacement cost.

- (1) The 612 vehicles account for 9.3% of the government fleet of 6,592 vehicles;
- (2) All the 612 vehicles are required for replacing those existing vehicles which have reached the end of their serviceable life. Annex A provides a breakdown of existing vehicles to be replaced by type and age. Annex B shows the breakdown of user departments and usages of the vehicles. The estimated expenditure involved is \$90M.

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Director of Government Logistics

Date _____

6 April 2005

**Breakdown of existing vehicles to be replaced in 2005-06
by type and age under Head 59 Subhead 691**

Vehicle type	No. of vehicles	Average vehicle age (years)
Motorcycle	213	5
Car (include 7-seater car)	165	7
Van	160	8
Bus (16-seater to 35-seater buses)	56	7
Cross Country Vehicle (4-wheel drive vehicle)	18	9
Total:	612	

**Breakdown of replacement vehicles in 2005-06
by user departments and usages
(Head 59 Subhead 691)**

Vehicle type	No. of vehicles	User departments (No. of vehicles)	Vehicle usage
Motorcycle	213	Hong Kong Police Force (193), Fire Services Department (6), Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (11), Water Supplies Department (3)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For police officers to perform traffic policing and patrolling duties For officers to attend emergency calls For officers working in remote area to carry out site inspection, patrolling and enforcement duties
Car (include 7-seater car)	165	Hong Kong Police Force (79), Fire Services Department (20), Customs and Excise Department (7), Independent Commission Against Corruption (4), Immigration Department (2), Architectural Services Department (2), Department of Justice (3), Government Logistics Department (12), Home Affairs Department (5), Judiciary (2), Water Supplies Department (4) and 25 other departments (25)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For officers to carry out investigation, covert and surveillance duties For officers to attend emergency calls For receiving local and overseas guests/visitors For conveyance of officers to attend official functions and site inspections

Vehicle type	No. of vehicles	User departments (No. of vehicles)	Vehicle usage
Van	160	<p>Hong Kong Police Force (58), Customs and Excise Department (11), Fire Services Department (8), Immigration Department (5), Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (6), Civil Aid Service (1), Correctional Services Department (1), Department of Health (2), Drainage Services Department (12), Environmental Protection Department (1), Government Secretariat (1), Home Affairs Department (3), Highways Department (2), Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (8), Government Logistics Department (2), Independent Commission Against Corruption (3), Inland Revenue Department (2), Legal Aid Department (1), Leisure and Cultural Services Department (10), Lands Department (1), Planning Department (1), Transport Department (2), Water Supplies Department (19)</p>	<p>For officers to carry out police patrolling duties, conduct covert, surveillance, raiding and arresting operations</p> <p>For conveyance of operational teams and equipment to work sites</p> <p>For delivery of samples, documents and stores</p>

Vehicle type	No. of vehicles	User departments (No. of vehicles)	Vehicle usage
Bus (16-seater to 35-seater buses)	56	Correctional Services Department (23), Immigration Department (10), Customs and Excise Department (3), Fire Services Department (2), Hong Kong Police Force (1), Auxiliary Medical Service (6), Civil Aviation Department (2), Civil Aid Service (1), Department of Health (2), Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (3), Government Logistics Department (1), Leisure and Cultural Services Department (2)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For conveyance of inmates/ prisoners For conveyance of non-emergency patients to hospitals/ clinics For conveyance of operational teams to perform their duties For providing shuttle service in remote areas
Cross Country Vehicle (4-wheel drive vehicle)	18	Hong Kong Police Force (2), Fire Services Department (5), Correctional Services Department (1), Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (4), Civil Aid Service (1), Transport Department (5)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For officers to carry out patrolling, law enforcement and operational duties in remote and rural areas For tunnel patrol and emergency attendance
Total:	612		

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

FSTB(Tsy)058

Question Serial No.

0472

Head: 59 - Government Logistics
Department

Subhead(No. &
title):

Programme: (4) Printing Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Government Logistics

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury

Question:

- (1) What is the percentage of the printing services provided by the Department in terms of the overall printing services required by the Government?
- (2) Does the Government Logistics Department outsource any printing services? If yes, what is the reason? Please specify the outsourced printing services as a percentage of the Department's printing services.
- (3) If there are outsourced printing services, please specify the types of printed materials that are outsourced.
- (4) What is the value of each contract awarded for outsourced printing services in 2004 financial year?

Asked by: Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply:

1. 92% of the overall printing services required by the Government in 2004-05 were provided by the Government Logistics Department (GLD). The remaining 8% was procured by bureaux/departments under direct printing authority given by the GLD.
2. GLD's printing jobs are mostly performed in-house when manpower and machine resources allow. We would only procure from private sector printing services which we cannot undertake due to technical (no equipment) or capacity reasons (unavoidable clash of schedule). Outsourced printing services take up about 15.5% of the total cost of GLD's printing services.
3. Outsourced printing services include, for example, the production of envelopes, hard file jackets, hardcover book, provision of lamination service, on-site film assembly and miscellaneous finishing work such as embossing, die-cutting, UV vanishing, foil blocking, index cutting, engraving, silk screen printing, book binding, spiral binding etc.

- In 2004-05, about 1 200 print orders involving a wide range of printing services were outsourced. The total cost incurred was \$33.3 million. The value involved varied significantly from \$400 for the making of 400 envelopes to \$864,000 for the printing of 2.4 million multi-pack address packs. It would not be practicable to list out each outsourced contract because of the volume of details involved.

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Name in block letters Stella HUNG (Mrs)

Post Title Director of Government Logistics

Date 6 April 2005

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2005-06
**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

FSTB(Tsy)059

Question Serial No.

0915

Head : 76 Inland Revenue Department

Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme :

Controlling Officer : Commissioner of Inland Revenue

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury

Question : In relation to the deletion of 32 posts in total in the Inland Revenue Department in 2005-06, please account for the names of posts to be deleted, reasons of the deletion and the savings in expenditure achieved in the year.

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Kam-lam

Reply : In 2005-06, through streamlining procedures and re-engineering work processes and wider use of information technology, the Department will be able to delete 36 posts. These include 1 Senior Assistant Assessor, 6 Taxation Officers, 6 Assistant Taxation Officers, 1 Chief Tax Inspector, 1 Senior Tax Inspector, 2 Tax Inspectors I, 2 Tax Inspectors II, 3 Assistant Clerical Officers, 5 Clerical Assistants, 2 Office Assistants, 1 Senior Typist, 5 Typists and 1 Data Preparation Supervisor. These will be partly offset by the creation of 4 posts, including 1 Chief Systems Manager and 3 Assistant Assessors, bringing the overall net deletion to 32 posts in 2005-06.

The net deletion of 32 posts will enable the Department to achieve savings of \$6.163 million in personal emoluments in 2005-06.

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Name in block letters Mrs LAU MAK YEE MING, ALICE

Post Title Commissioner of Inland Revenue

Date 7 April 2005

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2005-06
**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

FSTB(Tsy)060

Head : 76 Inland Revenue Department

Subhead (No. & title) :

Question Serial No.

Programme : (3) Investigation and Field Audit

1614

Controlling Officer : Commissioner of Inland Revenue

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury

Question:

According to newspaper reports, the Inland Revenue Department estimated that the tax recoverable in this financial year would be \$2.8 billion, representing a substantial increase of 38% over the original estimate of \$2.05 billion. The increase is mainly due to the strengthening of efforts against the tax avoidance schemes of large enterprises.

Please advise:

1. Whether the reports are true? If yes, whether the original estimate of \$2.1 billion in the "back tax and penalty assessed" under Field audit and tax investigation will be revised to \$2.8 billion next year?
2. On the computation of the above estimated figures.
3. Whether the combat against tax avoidance of large enterprises is carried out by means of "the computer-assisted risk-based case selection programme...enhanced to enable comprehensive tax compliance measurement and support more efficient and sophisticated selection of cases", as stated by the Inland Revenue Department?

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Kam-lam

Reply:

1. The Inland Revenue Department (IRD) estimates that the tax and penalty recoverable in 2004-05 will increase to \$2.8 billion. The increase mainly comes from major tax avoidance schemes successfully cracked down by IRD towards the end of 2004-05. As tax avoidance schemes are usually very complicated plans involving overseas associated companies, the audit work of such cases is very complex and time-consuming. It may take years to complete their investigation. As such, it is difficult to predict if the same result as for 2004-05 would be achieved in 2005-06. We therefore maintain the estimate for 2005-06 at \$2.1 billion, which is based on experience in previous years.
2. The estimated amount of \$2.8 billion for 2004-05 is based on the back tax and penalty assessed under the field audit and investigation cases finalized in the year.
3. The enhancement of the "computer-assisted risk-based case selection programme" facilitates the identification of suspected evasion or avoidance cases for further investigation by the Field Audit and Investigation Unit. The availability of effective anti-avoidance provisions in the legislation is also very important as far as successfully combating tax avoidance and recovering tax are concerned. In this respect, the enactment of the specific anti-avoidance provisions in the Inland Revenue (Amendment) Ordinance 2004 in June 2004 has helped to combat the abuse of interest deductions by some corporations to avoid tax.

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Name in block letters Mrs LAU MAK YEE MING, ALICE

Post Title Commissioner of Inland Revenue

Date 7 April 2005

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

Head : 76 Inland Revenue Department Subhead (No. & title) :

0083

Programme : (1) Assessing Functions

Controlling Officer : Commissioner of Inland Revenue

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury

Question : Under this Programme, the Department is going to delete 28 non-directorate posts. What is the reason for it? Will it have any negative impact on the assessing work?

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply : The Inland Revenue Department has put in a constant effort to re-engineer its work processes and streamline its work procedures. The Department has also adopted a wider use of information technology in recent years. As a result of these efforts, the Department should be able to save 28 non-directorate posts for its assessing work under Programme (1) in 2005-06. The displaced officers will be redeployed to fill vacancies in other divisions. The assessing work will not be adversely affected by this establishment change.

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Name in block letters Mrs LAU MAK YEE MING, ALICE

Post Title Commissioner of Inland Revenue

Date 6 April 2005

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2005-06
**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

FSTB(Tsy)062

Question Serial No.

0494

Head : 76 Inland Revenue Department Subhead (No. & title) :000 Operational Expenses

Programme (No. & title) : (1) Assessing Functions

Controlling Officer : Commissioner of Inland Revenue

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury

Question : As the Budget proposes to scrap the Estate Duty, how much Departmental Expenses may be reduced per year?

Asked by : Hon. Jeffrey LAM Kin-fung

Reply : In the draft Estimates of Expenditure for 2005-06, provisions totalling \$18.5 million relate to the assessment of estate duty. Personal emoluments account for some 90% of total expenditure. The Estate Duty Office (EDO) has an establishment of 36, comprising 9 Assessor grade staff, 13 Taxation Officer grade staff and 14 clerical grade staff. In addition, 6 Tax Inspector grade staff assist with the inventory-taking of the deceased's safe deposit boxes and 3 Typists provide typing services to the EDO. There are a number of other supporting and administrative staff who provide general administrative support and management supervision to the EDO as well as to other divisions.

As the Government's proposal is to abolish estate duty in respect of persons who pass away after enactment of the enabling legislation, and as the affidavit for estate duty is normally filed 6 to 12 months after the date of death of a person, we envisage that the EDO will need to operate at full strength in 2005-06. Our plan is to reduce the establishment of the EDO and the supporting departmental posts in line with the actual caseload in future years. The surplus staff will be redeployed to other divisions.

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Name in block letters Mrs LAU MAK YEE MING, ALICE

Post Title Commissioner of Inland Revenue

Date 7 April 2005

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

FSTB(Tsy)063

Question Serial No.

0885

Head : 76 Inland Revenue Department

Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme (No. & title) : (1) Assessing Functions

Controlling Officer : Commissioner of Inland Revenue

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury

Question :

As a result of the abolition of Estate Duty announced in the Budget, how much manpower resources can be saved? What is the redeployment plan in relation to the resources saved and how would the targets of other services in the Department be boosted in anticipation of the savings?

Asked by : Hon. Patrick LAU Sau-shing

Reply : In the draft Estimates of Expenditure for 2005-06, provisions totalling \$18.5 million relate to the assessment of estate duty. Personal emoluments account for some 90% of total expenditure. The Estate Duty Office (EDO) has an establishment of 36, comprising 9 Assessor grade staff, 13 Taxation Officer grade staff and 14 clerical grade staff. In addition, 6 Tax Inspector grade staff assist with the inventory-taking of the deceased's safe deposit boxes and 3 Typists provide typing services to the EDO. There are a number of other supporting and administrative staff who provide general administrative support and management supervision to the EDO as well as to other divisions.

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Post Title Commissioner of Inland Revenue

Date 7 April 2005

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2005-06
**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

FSTB(Tsy)064

Question Serial No.

Head : 76 Inland Revenue Department Subhead (No. & title) :

0284

Programme : (3) Investigation and Field Audit

Controlling Officer : Commissioner of Inland Revenue

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury

Question: Regarding the work of combating tax evasion in 2003-04, please advice-

- (1) the number of tax evaders;
- (2) the number of offenders successfully prosecuted; and
- (3) the staff required for combating tax evasion.

Asked by : Hon. LEUNG Kwan-yuen, Andrew

- Reply :
- (1) In 2003-04, the Field Audit & Investigation (FAI) Unit of the Inland Revenue Department (IRD) completed 1,863 audit / investigation cases on tax evasion and avoidance. Tax and penalties recovered in the year amounted to \$2,059 million.
 - (2) The vast majority of field audit and investigation cases were settled with the imposition of a penalty in accordance with the IRD's published penalty policy. Taking into account factors such as the seriousness of the offence, the strength of evidence, the amount of tax involved, etc., the IRD will initiate prosecution action whenever this is warranted. In 2003-04, the IRD conducted 5 prosecution cases involving 8 taxpayers. All were successful.
 - (3) The FAI Unit of the IRD had an establishment of 250 in 2003-04.

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Post Title Commissioner of Inland Revenue

Date 7 April 2005

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2005-06
**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

FSTB(Tsy)065

Question Serial No.

0171

Head : 76 Inland Revenue Department Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme (No. & title) : (1) Assessing Functions

Controlling Officer : Commissioner of Inland Revenue

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury

Question : How much resources in the current Estimate have been earmarked for supporting the services in relation of Estate Duty? Please provide the number of post, with details on the rank, and the total staff cost involved.

Asked by : Hon. Abraham SHEK Lai-him

Reply : In the draft Estimates of Expenditure for 2005-06, provisions totalling \$18.5 million relate to the assessment of estate duty. Personal emoluments account for some 90% of total expenditure. The Estate Duty Office (EDO) has an establishment of 36, comprising 9 Assessor grade staff, 13 Taxation Officer grade staff and 14 clerical grade staff. In addition, 6 Tax Inspector grade staff assist with the inventory-taking of the deceased's safe deposit boxes and 3 Typists provide typing services to the EDO. There are a number of other supporting and administrative staff who provide general administrative support and management supervision to the EDO as well as to other divisions.

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Date 7 April 2005

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

Head : 76 Inland Revenue Department Subhead (No. & title) :

0088

Programme : (2) Collection

Controlling Officer : Commissioner of Inland Revenue

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury

Question : Please provide details of the numbers of tax payments that have been made by electronic means under different types of tax and various kinds of electronic payments since the introduction of electronic payment services by the Department. What percentage of cases do payments of tax by electronic means account for each type of tax?

Please list out the costs and expenditure involved in processing tax payments by electronic means and non-electronic under different types of tax.

What will the Government do in 2005-06 in order to “continue to promote the use of electronic services for payment of tax”? What will be the amount of expenditure involved? How many people are expected to be attracted to the use of electronic services for payment of tax?

Asked by : Hon. SIN Chung-kai

Reply : At present, the Inland Revenue Department (IRD) accepts electronic payment of tax (e-payments) via “Payment by Phone”, the bank automated teller machines and Internet. An analysis of e-payments of Earnings & Profits Tax for 2001-02 to 2004-05 is at Annex. The percentage of tax payments by electronic means has been rising in recent years. IRD does not have statistics broken down into different tax types.

IRD does not keep the statistics on the costs and expenditure involved in processing tax payments by electronic means and non-electronic means for different types of tax.

In 2005-06, IRD will continue to promote the use of electronic services for payment of tax through information leaflets, Internet publicity, advertisements, etc. The expenditure, which will not be significant, will be absorbed within IRD's existing resources. As it is safe and convenient to pay tax by electronic means, IRD expects that the utilization rate will continue to rise.

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Name in block letters Mrs LAU MAK YEE MING, ALICE

Post Title Commissioner of Inland Revenue

Date 7 April 2005

Analysis of e-Payment Methods for Earnings & Profits Tax for 2001-02 to 2004-05

Fiscal Year	Total Tax Payment Transaction	Payment of Tax by e-means							
		By Phone		Via Bank Automated Teller Machines		Via Internet		Total E-payment Transactions	
		No. of transaction	% to total tax payment transaction	No. of transaction	% to total tax payment transaction	No. of transaction	% to total tax payment transaction	No. of transaction	% to total tax payment transaction
2001-02	2,009,094	599,434	30%	262,731	13%	53,603	3%	915,768	46%
2002-03	2,096,691	577,949	28%	254,781	12%	211,830	10%	1,044,560	50%
2003-04	2,144,436	461,547	22%	226,962	11%	437,507	20%	1,126,016	53%
2004-05* (up to 28 February 2005)	2,084,183	372,198	18%	229,389	11%	560,207	27%	1,161,794	56%

*Provisional figure

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

FSTB(Tsy)067

Question Serial No.

Head : 76 Inland Revenue Department Subhead (No. & title) :

0495

Programme (No. & title) : (1) Assessing Functions

Controlling Officer : Commissioner of Inland Revenue

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury

Question :

In 2005-06, the Inland Revenue Department will delete 33 non-directorate posts. According to the information it provided there are at least 50 posts for processing estate duty assessing work (15 600 cases finalized and 312 cases processed per post last year). Please advise:

- (1) Whether the above-mentioned 33 non-directorate posts to be deleted include posts for the estate duty assessing work? If not, which grades are involved? What are the reasons for deleting in these grades?
- (2) In 2005-06, how many posts are for the estate duty assessing work? If the Department is required to delete any of these posts, what is the arrangement for the staff members affected? Will the arrangement involve any additional expense?
- (3) After abolition of estate duty, what will be saving by the government per year in processing estate duty?

Asked by : Hon. SIN Chung-kai

Reply :

- (1) The above-mentioned 33 non-directorate posts to be deleted do not include posts for assessing estate duty. In 2005-06, through streamlining procedures and re-engineering the work processes, and wider use of information technology, the Inland Revenue Department (IRD) will delete 33 non-directorate posts in the Assessor grade, Taxation Officer grade, Tax Inspector grade, clerical grade, secretarial grade and Data Processor grade.
- (2) & In the draft Estimates of Expenditure for 2005-06, provisions totalling \$18.5 million relate to the assessment of estate duty. Personal emoluments account for some 90% of total expenditure. The Estate Duty Office (EDO) has an establishment of 36, comprising 9 Assessor grade staff, 13 Taxation Officer grade staff and 14 clerical grade staff. In addition, 6 Tax Inspector grade staff assist with the inventory-taking of the deceased's safe deposit boxes and 3 Typists provide typing services to the EDO. There are a number of other supporting and administrative staff who provide general administrative support and management supervision to the EDO as well as to other divisions.
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Name in block letters Mrs LAU MAK YEE MING,
ALICE

Post Title Commissioner of Inland Revenue

Date 7 April 2005

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

FSTB(Tsy)068

Question Serial No.

0955

Head : 76 Inland Revenue Department Subhead (No. & title) : 000 Operational Expenses

Programme (No. & title) :

Controlling Officer : Commissioner of Inland Revenue

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury

Question : In relation to the abolition of Estate Duty, what is the impact on the establishment and expenditure of the Inland Revenue Department in 2005-06?

Asked by : Hon. James TIN Pei-chun

Reply : In the draft Estimates of Expenditure for 2005-06, provisions totalling \$18.5 million relate to the assessment of estate duty. Personal emoluments account for some 90% of total expenditure. The Estate Duty Office (EDO) has an establishment of 36, comprising 9 Assessor grade staff, 13 Taxation Officer grade staff and 14 clerical grade staff. In addition, 6 Tax Inspector grade staff assist with the inventory-taking of the deceased's safe deposit boxes and 3 Typists provide typing services to the EDO. There are a number of other supporting and administrative staff who provide general administrative support and management supervision to the EDO as well as to other divisions.

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Date 7 April 2005

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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FSTB(Tsy)069

Question Serial No.

1117

Head : 76 Inland Revenue Department Subhead: (No. & title) :

Programme : (1) Assessing Functions

Controlling Officer : Commissioner of Inland Revenue

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury

Question : How will the Department assist the Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau in the public consultation on implementation of a Goods and Services Tax? Will this involve any expenditure? If yes, what are the details of the expenditure?

Asked by : Hon. James TIEN Pei-chun

Reply : In 2005-06, the Inland Revenue Department (IRD) will, through internal staff redeployment, assist the Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau in the public consultation on implementation of a Goods and Services Tax. This will include assistance in issuing the public consultation document, meeting relevant professional and other bodies, answering enquiries, collecting and analyzing the responses received, etc. As the work will be absorbed by existing staff resources of IRD, no financial provision has been earmarked for the exercise in 2005-06. Regarding the work, the IRD is presently assisting the Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau in drawing up a public consultation document and related publicity materials to prepare for the public consultation exercise to be held later this year.

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Post Title Commissioner of Inland Revenue

Date 6 April 2005

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2005-06
**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

FSTB(Tsy)070

Question Serial No.

0670

Head : 76 Inland Revenue Department Subhead (No. & title) : 000 Operational Expenses

Programme (No. & title) : (1) Assessing Functions

Controlling Officer : Commissioner of Inland Revenue

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury

Question :

As Financial Secretary proposes to abolish Estate Duty from 2005-06, may the Administration inform the Council whether the proposal would affect the establishment of the Inland Revenue Department upon its implementation? If yes, what will be the expenditure items and their amounts involved? If not, what is the reason?

Asked by : Hon. Ronny Tong Ka-wah

Reply : In the draft Estimates of Expenditure for 2005-06, provisions totalling \$18.5 million relate to the assessment of estate duty. Personal emoluments account for some 90% of total expenditure. The Estate Duty Office (EDO) has an establishment of 36, comprising 9 Assessor grade staff, 13 Taxation Officer grade staff and 14 clerical grade staff. In addition, 6 Tax Inspector grade staff assist with the inventory-taking of the deceased's safe deposit boxes and 3 Typists provide typing services to the EDO. There are a number of other supporting and administrative staff who provide general administrative support and management supervision to the EDO as well as to other divisions.

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Date 7 April 2005

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

Reply Serial No.

FSTB(Tsy)071

Question Serial No.

0681

Head : 76 Inland Revenue Department Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (1) Assessing Functions

Controlling Officer : Commissioner of Inland Revenue

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury

Question : Under this Programme, the Inland Revenue Department states it will continue to assist the Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau in the public consultation on the implementation of a Goods and Services Tax. May the Administration inform the Council on the details of the expenditure items earmarked for and the specific work involved in the above consultation exercise in 2005-06?

Asked by : Hon. Ronny TONG Ka-wah

Reply : In 2005-06, the Inland Revenue Department (IRD) will, through internal staff redeployment, assist the Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau in the public consultation on implementation of a Goods and Services Tax. This will include assistance in issuing the public consultation document, meeting relevant professional and other bodies, answering enquiries, collecting and analyzing the responses received, etc. As the work will be absorbed by existing staff resources of IRD, no financial provision has been earmarked for the exercise in 2005-06. Regarding the work, the IRD is presently assisting the Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau in drawing up a public consultation document and related publicity materials to prepare for the public consultation exercise to be held later this year.

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Post Title Commissioner of Inland Revenue

Date 6 April 2005

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

Head : 76 Inland Revenue Department Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (4) Taxpayer Services

Controlling Officer : Commissioner of Inland Revenue

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury

Question :

Under this programme, it is stated that the existing Interactive Voice Response System will be replaced. May the Administration inform the Council of:

- (a) the benefits of replacing the above system?
- (b) the details of the expenditure earmarked in 2005-06 and the specific work in the year for the replacement?

Asked by : Hon. Ronny TONG Ka-wah

Reply :

- (a) The existing Interactive Voice Response System (IVRS) has been in use for six years since August 1999. Its serviceable life will end in 2005-06. In 2003 and 2004, there were incidences of system malfunction. The IVRS is equipped with system components which have become obsolete and cannot support the new operating system and application software. As advised by the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department, it is necessary to replace the system in order to sustain a high level of system reliability for the sizable telephone enquiry service of the Inland Revenue Department (IRD).
- (b) The IRD has earmarked \$1,755,000 under Subhead 661 Minor plant, vehicles and equipment (block vote) for the replacement of the IVRS in 2005-06, which comprises hardware replacement and software upgrade. Specifically, the work involves tendering of the project, acquisition, installation, integration with other systems and testing of the new system.

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ALICE

Post Title Commissioner of Inland Revenue

Date 6 April 2005

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2005-06
**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

FSTB(Tsy)073

Question Serial No.

0683

Head : 76 Inland Revenue Department Subhead (No. & title) :
661 Minor plant, Vehicles &
Equipment (block vote)

Programme :

Controlling Officer : Commissioner of Inland Revenue

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury

Question : Under this subhead, the provision of \$2,267,000 for 2005-06 is 297.0% more than the revised estimate for 2004-05. It is mainly due to an increased requirement for the purchase of minor equipment. May the Administration inform the Council details of the expenditure items under this subhead for 2005-06, itemizing all the costs and purposes?

Asked by : Hon. Ronny TONG Ka-wah

Reply : The increase in expenditure in 2005-06 under Subhead 661 is due to a greater demand for the procurement or replacement of essential equipment by the Inland Revenue Department (IRD). An analysis of the expenditure is as follows:

1.	\$0.27 million	the procurement of a folding machine to allow automatic and accurate folding of tax documents in a wider range before enveloping;
2.	\$0.242 million	the replacement of the aged inserting machine to enhance efficiency in bulk issue of tax returns, notice of assessments, refund notices and demand notes; and
3.	\$1.755 million	the replacement of the aged Interactive Voice Response System to sustain a high level of system reliability for the telephone enquiry service of the IRD.
Total :	\$2.267 million	

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Post Title Commissioner of Inland Revenue

Date 6 April 2005

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

FSTB(Tsy)074

Question Serial No.

0871

Head: 162 Rating and Valuation Department Subhead(No. & title):

Programme: (2) Collection and Billing of Rates and Government Rent

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Rating and Valuation

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury

Question: As mentioned by the Government in a Legislative Council meeting, the arrears in respect of Government rent and rates demanded from 1 July 1997 to the end of February 2005 amounted to \$27m and \$24m respectively. The reasons accounting for the arrears include financial difficulties faced by payers and the query of Government's justifications in collecting Government rent.

Please inform:

1. The number of arrears cases for Government rent and rates in the past three years and the total amount involved. Is there an increase or decrease when compared with that of the previous year and what is the magnitude?
2. For the amount of arrears involving Government rent and rates mentioned above, how many cases are currently being recovered through legal proceedings and what is the amount involved for those cases?

Furthermore,

3. In light of the higher level of arrears in the past two years, the Department adjusts the target "to keep the amount of arrears within a set percentage of the Government rent demanded for the preceding 12 months" from previously less than 1.1% to less than 1.2% in 2005-06. As the actual percentages for the past two years are more than 1.2%, how certain is the Government of being able to keep the target of less than 1.2% of arrears in the new year? If so, why?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Kam-lam

Reply:

1. The arrears of Government rent and rates in respect of the Government rent and rates demanded from 1 July 1997 to the end of February 2005 mentioned in the Administration's reply to the Legislative Council Question on 9 March 2005 was in relation to village houses in the New Territories.

The overall arrears of Government rent and rates on a territory-wide basis in the last three years are as follows:

Financial Year	Government Rent				Rates			
	Average total amount of arrears (\$ million)	(Increase/decrease over the previous year)	No. of Accounts	(Increase/decrease over the previous year)	Average total amount of arrears (\$ million)	(Increase/decrease over the previous year)	No. of Accounts	(Increase/decrease over the previous year)
2002-03	63	(+8.6%)	36,000	(+5.9%)	101	(-28.4%)	55,000	(-3.6%)
2003-04	66	(+4.7%)	41,000	(+13.9%)	105	(+4%)	66,000	(+20%)
2004-05 (estimate)	70	(+6.1%)	38,000	(-7.3%)	125	(+19%)	60,000	(-9.1%)

2. The Department has initiated legal action and taken the cases to Small Claims Tribunal or District Courts to recover the Government rent and rates arrears. The relevant figures for the past three years are as follows:

Year	Small Claims Tribunal		District Courts	
	Amount involved (\$ million)	Number of Cases	Amount involved (\$ million)	Number of Cases
2002-03	74.3	13,167	8.7	83
2003-04	56.3	16,632	12.5	64
2004-05 (estimate)	49.7	14,850	8.5	38

3. In the past few years, the percentages of Government rent arrears have been higher than the targets. This was mainly due to an increase in the number of properties assessed to Government rent for the first time, particularly village-type houses in the New Territories, many of which are owned by indigenous villagers.

The Department has been taking a series of measures to reduce the level of arrears such as imposing statutory surcharges as soon as payments are overdue. For cases involving financial difficulties, the Department will allow payment by instalments so as to increase the recovery rate. In the event that payers fail to make payment as demanded, prompt action will be taken for recovery of the arrears through the Small Claims Tribunal or the District Court, depending on the amount of arrears involved. The Administration will also strengthen its publicity on the responsibility for paying Government rent and the proper procedures for indigenous villagers in the New Territories to apply for exemption for Government rent. We expect that, given the above measures, the arrears position would improve.

Signature _____
Name in block letters KENNETH T W PANG
Post Title Commissioner of Rating & Valuation
Date 6.4.2005

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

FSTB(Tsy)075

Question Serial
No.

1629

Head: 162 – Rating and Valuation Department Subhead(No. & title): 000 Operational Expenses

Programme:

Controlling Commissioner of Rating and Valuation

Officer:

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury

Question : The department's Personal Emoluments in the 2005-06 Estimates are \$20m lower than last year's Revised Estimates. However, the Allowances and the Job-related allowances under this item are increased. Please explain.

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Kam-lam

Reply:

The Allowances item under the Personal Emoluments provision accounts for three types of allowances namely acting, overtime and on-call allowances. The increase of \$0.155 million in Allowances in the 2005-06 Estimates over the 2004-05 Revised Estimates is mainly due to:

- (i) the need for full-year provision of acting allowance in 2005-06 for filling some of the vacancies by acting appointment pursuant to officers leaving the department in 2004-05 for reasons of normal retirement or completion of agreement. The salary provision related to these posts in 2005-06 is correspondingly reduced; and
- (ii) the need to retain sufficient provision of overtime allowance in 2005-06 to meet any unexpected surge in workload as the property market has turned more active.

The Job-related Allowances item under the Personal Emoluments provision accounts for typhoon allowance, the actual expenditure of which fluctuates with the frequency of typhoons. There were fewer typhoons in 2004-05, leading to a lower expenditure in this relation in the year. The increase of \$4,000 over the 2004-05 Revised Estimates is mainly due to the need to keep the provision at a level comparable to the 2003-04 actual expenditure.

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Name in block letters KENNETH T W PANG

Post Title Commissioner of Rating and Valuation

Date 4.4.2005

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

FSTB(Tsy)076

Question Serial No.

0079

Head: 162 Rating and Valuation Department

Subhead(No. & title):

Programme: (1) Statutory Valuation and Assessments

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Rating and Valuation

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury

Question : Under this Programme, the department will "review and enhance the computer systems to further improve efficiency and service to the public". Please give details on this activity. What are the amount of expenditure and the number of staff involved in this activity?

Asked by: Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply:

The department has been reviewing its computer systems to identify areas of improvement, and is undertaking the following computer projects to further improve efficiency and services to the public:

- Electronic Submission of Forms
The system allows the public to submit forms through the internet direct to the department. Apart from forms that have already been launched, including Notice of New Letting or Renewal Agreement and Notice of Objection to interim Valuation/Deletion/Correction, the department will continue to launch other forms including Proposal for Alteration of Valuation List or Government Rent Roll and Requisition for Particulars of Tenement. The forms in the latter group can currently only be submitted in hard copy.
- Geographic Information System Valuation Modules
The department seeks to integrate property related spatial information (such as location maps and floor plans) with textual property description in the department's database. For this purpose, the Integrated Property Database (IPDB) has already established a link from the department's computerized database to the digital mapping data of the Lands Department and provides the functions of storing and managing the spatial data. These will facilitate data retrieval and the department's valuation work. The system will also facilitate the production of property market statistics in the department's annual Property Review. This project therefore contributes to the department's work under both Programme 1 in statutory valuation and assessments and Programme 3 in providing valuation and property information services.

In 2005-06, the IPDB will be enhanced by developing the Geographic Information System (GIS) Valuation Modules to facilitate valuation and property information services further. It will streamline the data input work and integrate the existing fragmented work procedures, helping to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of statutory valuation and assessments. As a result, ratepayers will be informed of the rateable value and the rates payable for their new properties in a timelier manner.

The department will keep under review the need and opportunities for further enhancements to its computer systems.

The estimated non-recurrent cost of the above projects in 2005-06 is \$4.929 million (\$1.078 million for electronic submission of forms and \$3.851 million for the GIS Valuation Modules), which will be funded under Capital Works Reserve Fund Head 710 Computerisation. The estimated manpower resources involved in the projects in 2005-06 are 25.64 man-months (8.64 man-months for electronic submission of forms and 17 man-months for the GIS Valuation Modules). The department will absorb the recurrent cost of \$0.294 million (\$0.152 million for electronic submission of forms under Programme 1 and \$0.142 million for the GIS Valuation Modules under Programmes 1 and 3).

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KENNETH T W PANG

Post Title

Commissioner of Rating and Valuation

Date

6.4.2005

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

FSTB(Tsy)077

Question Serial No.

0080

Head: 162-Rating and Valuation Department Subhead(No. & title):

Programme: (2) Collection and Billing of Rates and Government Rent

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Rating and Valuation

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury

Question: Under this Programme, the department will "review and enhance its Accounting and Billing System". Please give details on this activity. What are the amount of expenditure and the number of staff involved in this activity?

Asked by: Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply: We stated in the Controlling Officer's Report that we would "review and enhance its Accounting and Billing System to speed up the recovery of arrears and to look for improvements in service delivery". We have undertaken or will undertake the following computer projects for this purpose:-

- Bulk Billing Service
This offers rates and Government rent payers the option of consolidating their multiple rates/Government rent accounts into one bill for single payment. This has reduced the operating costs of both the payers and the Government for processing multiple bills. We will continue to promote this service.
- Rates and Government Rent Demand in Chinese
All demands, forms and letters are enhanced to include the property address in Chinese. Payers can opt to receive quarterly demands with information printed in Chinese.
- Accounting and Billing for Certain Apportioned Rates and/or Government Rent Assessments
This project will enhance the existing Accounting and Billing System by automating the billing of rates and/or Government rent for properties the rateable values of which have been informally apportioned. For instance, where several rateable tenements are occupied and used as a single property, the department used to, on request of payers, manually break down the property into the component tenements, informally apportion the rates/rent payable and issue manually-prepared demands to the respective payers. With the new system, the department can automate the apportionment and separation of the rates/Government rent demands, thereby reducing the chance of error. Besides, the enhancement can speed up the recovery action in relation to these apportioned accounts because the automated system can provide more up-to-date account information and generate reports to alert the department when these accounts become overdue.

The department will keep under review the opportunities and needs for further enhancing its Accounting and Billing Systems.

The estimated non-recurrent cost of the above projects in 2005-06 is \$3.72 million, which will be funded under CWRP Head 710 Computerisation. The estimated manpower resources involved in the above projects in 2005-06 are 38.05 man-months. The department will absorb the recurrent cost of \$0.42 million a year.

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Post Title Commissioner of Rating and Valuation

Date 4.4.2005

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

FSTB(Tsy)078

Question Serial No.

0081

Head: 162 Rating and Valuation Department

Subhead(No. & title):

Programme: (3) Provision of Valuation and Property Information Services

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Rating and Valuation

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury

Question : Under this Programme, the department will “develop an Integrated Property Database to provide a comprehensive textual and graphic repository of property information for parties concerned including government departments and agencies”. Please give details on this activity. What are the amount of expenditure and the number of staff involved in this activity?

Asked by: Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply:

In order to achieve greater efficiency and effectiveness in its assessment work, the department seeks to integrate property related spatial information (such as location maps and floor plans) with textual property description in the department's database. The Integrated Property Database (IPDB) has already established a link from the department's computerized database to the digital mapping data of the Lands Department and provides the functions of storing and managing the spatial data. These will facilitate data retrieval and the department's valuation work. The system will also facilitate the production of property market statistics in the department's annual Property Review. This project therefore contributes to the department's work under both Programme 1 in statutory valuation and assessments and Programme 3 in providing valuation and property information services.

In 2005-06, the IPDB will be enhanced by developing the Geographic Information System (GIS) Valuation Modules to further facilitate valuation and property information services. It will streamline the data input work and integrate the existing fragmented work procedures, helping to improve efficiency in the production of property market statistics. The estimated non-recurrent cost of enhancing the IPDB (i.e. developing the GIS Valuation Modules) in 2005-06 is \$3.851 million, to be funded under Capital Works Reserve Fund Head 710 Computerisation. The estimated manpower resources involved in this project in 2005-06 are 17 man-months. The department will absorb the recurrent cost of \$0.142 million under Programmes 1 and 3.

The data transfer and sharing capability of the IPDB has the potential to allow integration of the department's property data with those held by other departments in addition to Lands Department's and dissemination of integrated property information to the public in future. This is subject to further studies to be carried out.

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Commissioner of Rating and Valuation

Date _____

6.4.2005

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INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

FSTB(Tsy)079

Question Serial No.

0082

Head: 162 – Rating and Valuation Department Subhead(No. & title): 000 Operational expenses

Programme:

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Rating and Valuation

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury

Question : Under this Subhead, the allowances of personal emoluments in 2005-06 are higher than those of the previous two years. Please explain.

Asked by: Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply:

The Allowances item under the Personal Emoluments provision accounts for three types of allowances namely acting, overtime and on-call allowances. The increase of \$0.155 million in Allowances in the 2005-06 Estimates over the 2004-05 Revised Estimates is mainly due to:

- (i) the need for full-year provision of acting allowance in 2005-06 for filling some of the vacancies by acting appointment pursuant to officers leaving the department in 2004-05 for reasons of normal retirement or completion of agreement. The salary provision related to these posts in 2005-06 is correspondingly reduced; and
- (ii) the need to retain sufficient provision of overtime allowance in 2005-06 to meet any unexpected surge in workload as the property market has turned more active.

For similar reasons, there is an increase of \$0.847 million in Allowances in the 2004-05 Revised Estimates over the 2003-04 Actual Expenditure. The actual expenditure on acting and overtime allowances in 2003-04 was particularly low also because of an exceptionally small number of officers taking vacation leave, hence fewer acting appointments, and overtime work.

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Post Title _____ **Commissioner of Rating and Valuation**

Date _____ **4.4.2005**

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

FSTB(Tsy)080

Question Serial No.

1115

Head: 162 – Rating and Valuation Department Subhead(No. & title):

Programme: (1) Statutory Valuation and Assessments

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Rating and Valuation

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury

Question : What is the amount of expenditure involved in the annual General Revaluation?

Asked by: Hon. TIEN Pei-chun, James

Reply:

The total cost of the 2005-06 General Revaluation exercise, which involved 2.2 million property assessments, was \$29.5 million. This represents an 8% reduction in the cost per assessment compared with 2004-05.

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Post Title Commissioner of Rating and Valuation

Date 4.4.2005

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

Reply Serial No.

FSTB(Tsy)081

Question Serial No.

1603

Head : 186 – Transport Department Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (2) Licensing of Vehicles and Drivers

Controlling Officer : Commissioner for Transport

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury

Question : Financial Secretary, Mr Henry TANG, pointed out that it is estimated that the launch of the Personalised Vehicle Registration Marks Scheme (PVRM) will be delayed to the end of this year because it has to go along with the new system of the Transport Department. Please tell the details of the new system, when it will be ready and how much funding it needs.

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Kam-lam

Reply :

If the PVRM Scheme is to be implemented, a new computer system interfacing with the Vehicles and Drivers Licensing Integrated Data system (which is currently being upgraded and is scheduled for completion by end 2005) will also need to be developed to support the processing of PVRM applications. This, as well as other related system enhancement, will cost about \$15-16 million (\$8-9 million for Transport Department, \$4 million for Customs and Excise Department and \$3 million for Hong Kong Police Force).

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Name in block letters **ROBERT FOOTMAN**

Post Title Commissioner for Transport

Date 7 April 2005

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

Reply Serial No.

FSTB(Tsy)082

Question Serial No.

1518

Head : 186 – Transport Department Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (2) Licensing of Vehicles & Drivers

Controlling Officer : Commissioner for Transport

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury

Question : With regard to the Personalised Vehicle Registration Marks (PVRM) Scheme proposed by the Financial Secretary last year, please advise-

- (a) What is the present progress?
- (b) Can the Scheme be launched in 2005-06? If in the affirmative, what are the implementation schedule and the estimated cost? If in the negative, what are the reasons?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply :

- (a) The Administration consulted the LegCo Panel on Financial Affairs on the PVRM Scheme in November 2004. Details of the proposal are being formulated taking into account views expressed by LegCo Members and members of the community. The Administration aims to introduce the necessary legislation into LegCo within this legislative session.
- (b) Subject to the passing of the legislation, the Transport Department intends to begin accepting applications under the PVRM Scheme in end 2005/early 2006, when the new licensing computer system is in place.

The staff cost for developing details of the PVRM Scheme, including supporting the preparation of legislative amendments, devising the application and vetting procedures, and drawing up a publicity plan is estimated to be around \$1 million in 2005-06. The cost of system development and enhancement is estimated to be about \$15-16 million (\$8-9 million for Transport Department, \$4 million for Customs and Excise Department and \$3 million for Hong Kong Police Force). Upon implementation of the Scheme, the cost of administering the Scheme is estimated to be about \$6 million per year.

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Name in block letters ROBERT FOOTMAN

Post Title Commissioner for Transport

Date 7 April 2005

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

Reply Serial No.

FSTB(Tsy)083

Question Serial No.

0224

Head : 186 – Transport Department Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (2) Licensing of Vehicles & Drivers

Controlling Officer : Commissioner for Transport

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury

Question : (a) The Administration will draw up and implement the Personalised Vehicle Registration Marks (PVRM) Scheme in 2005-06. What is the actual work involved and how much would it incur?

(b) Based on the Administration's estimation, how many PVRMs will be issued and what is the cost for processing each PVRM in 2005-06?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Wai-hing, Emily

Reply :

- (a) The Transport Department's staff cost for developing details of the PVRM Scheme, including supporting the preparation of legislative amendments, devising the application and vetting procedures, and drawing up a publicity plan is estimated to be around \$1 million in 2005-06. The cost of system development and enhancement is estimated to be about \$15-16 million (\$8-9 million for Transport Department, \$4 million for Customs and Excise Department and \$3 million for Hong Kong Police Force). Upon implementation of the Scheme, the cost of administering the Scheme is estimated to be about \$6 million per year. The work covers the receipt and processing of PVRM applications, vetting, auction, handling enquiries, etc. These cost estimates are subject to any refinements to the Administration's proposals for the Scheme.
- (b) The Administration aims to introduce legislation to implement the Scheme into the Legislative Council within this legislative session. Subject to any refinements to the Administration's proposal, on a full year basis, about 3 000 PVRMs would be auctioned and the recurrent cost is estimated to be around \$6 million i.e. each PVRM would cost \$2,000 to process.

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Reply Serial No.

FSTB(Tsy)084

Head : 188 Treasury

Question Serial No.

Subhead (No. & title) :

0868

Programme : (2) Payment of Salaries, Pensions and Benefits

Controlling Officer : Director of Accounting Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury

Question :

What are the reasons for the significant increase of participants in the Civil Service Provident Fund Scheme from only 282 in 2003 to nearly 1 100 in 2004 and 2 216 in 2005?

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Kam-lam

Reply :

Under the new entry system introduced for civil servants appointed on or after 1 June 2000, officers will be entitled to join the Civil Service Provident Fund (CSPF) Scheme as a retirement benefit when they are offered permanent terms of appointment upon satisfactory completion of service on probation and/or agreement terms. The number of participants in the CSPF Scheme has been on the rise in recent years as more officers who joined the civil service since June 2000 are offered permanent terms of appointment and become eligible to join the CSPF Scheme.

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Reply Serial No.

FSTB(Tsy)085

Head : 188 Treasury

Question Serial No.

Subhead (No. & title) : 000 Operational expenses

0869

Programme:

Controlling Officer : Director of Accounting Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury

Question :

With a reduction in staffing by 5 as well as the civil service pay cut, a decrease is seen in the estimated expenditure for salaries under Personal Emoluments; nevertheless, the expenditure for allowances is estimated to be \$2.76m, which is an increase of 25% and 18% respectively over the previous two years (i.e. the revised estimate for 2004-05 and the actual expenditure in 2003-04). What are the reasons for that?

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Kam-lam

Reply :

The increases in expenditure for allowances are mainly due to the anticipated increase in overtime work arising from system testing of the new Government Financial Management Information System, and some additional requirements for expected increase in number of officers taking up acting appointments.

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Head : 188 Treasury

Question Serial No.

Subhead (No. & title) : 000 Operational expenses

0870

Programme:

Controlling Officer : Director of Accounting Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury

Question :

What are the main reasons for the increase of general departmental expenses from the revised estimate of \$130m for 2004-05 to the estimate of \$150m for 2005-06?

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Kam-lam

Reply :

The increase in provision of \$20m for 2005-06 is attributed mainly to the following:

- (a) additional provision for the recurrent cost for replacement of the Government Financial Management Information System (GFMIS);
- (b) rescheduling of some of the tasks of the GFMIS project from 2004-05 to 2005-06; and
- (c) additional provision for payment to collection agents due to growing number of government bills.

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Question Serial No.

0383

Head : 188 Treasury Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (2) Payment of Salaries, Pensions and Benefits

Controlling Officer : Director of Accounting Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury

Question :

What are the reasons for the significant increase in the number of recipients under the mandatory provident fund in 2004 and 2005?

Asked by : Hon. KWONG Chi-kin

Reply :

The Treasury is responsible for making mandatory provident fund (MPF) payments for civil servants and other categories of officers/government employees such as officers of the Independent Commission Against Corruption and Judges and Judicial Officers who are subject to the provisions of the Mandatory Provident Fund Scheme Ordinance. The numbers of officers involved for 2003 to 2005 are shown below:

2003 (Actual) No.	2004 (Actual)		2005 (Estimate)			
	No.	Increase		No.	Increase	
		No.	%		No.	%
8 615	8 818	203	+2.4%	8 916	98	+1.1%

There is no significant increase in the number of the aforementioned MPF recipients. The actual increase of 2.4% in 2004 and the projected increase of 1.1% in 2005 are mainly due to the new recruits to the civil service who are subject to the Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Ordinance.

The Treasury does not have similar data in respect of non-civil service contract staff as their MPF payments are arranged by the respective departments and are not centrally administered by the Treasury.

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Reply Serial No.

FSTB(Tsy)088

Question Serial No.

Head : 188 Treasury Subhead (No. & title) :

0384

Programme : (2) Payment of Salaries, Pensions and Benefits

Controlling Officer : Director of Accounting Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury

Question :

Please provide the number of permanent staff, agreement officers and non-civil service contract staff who are recipients under the mandatory provident fund.

Asked by : Hon. KWONG Chi-kin

Reply :

The Treasury is responsible for making mandatory provident fund (MPF) payments for civil servants and other categories of officers/government employees such as officers of the Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) and Judges and Judicial Officers who are subject to the provisions of the Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Ordinance. There were 8 818 such officers in 2004, with the following breakdown:

Category of officers	Number of officers
Civil servants on permanent terms	1 096
Civil servants on agreement / probationary terms	6 532
Others (e.g. ICAC officers, Judges and Judicial Officers)	1 190
Total	8 818

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Reply Serial No.

FSTB(Tsy)089

Head :188-Treasury

Subhead (No. & title) :

Question Serial No.

Programme : (1) Central Accounting, Collections and Payments

0090

Controlling Officer : Director of Accounting Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury

Question : What are the respective costs incurred by the Treasury in handling counter collections, postal remittances, collections by autopay and collections by other electronic means?

Asked by : The Hon. SIN Chung-kai

Reply : The estimated expenditure on the different forms of revenue collection is as follows :

	<u>\$ million</u>
Counter collection	40.7
Postal remittance	2.2
Collection by autopay	1.1
Collection by other electronic means	9.2

Total	53.2
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FSTB(Tsy)090

Head :188-Treasury

Subhead (No. & title) :

Question Serial No.

Programme : (1) Central Accounting, Collections and Payments

0091

Controlling Officer : Director of Accounting Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury

Question : In what ways will the Treasury promote e-payments in 2005-06 and what resources have been set aside for this purpose?

Asked by : The Hon. SIN Chung-kai

Reply : The Treasury has recently revamped its website to make e-payments more convenient and user-friendly. In addition, the Treasury plans to promote e-payments in 2005-06 through :

- (a) printing promotional leaflets and dispatching them with rates and water bills to customers;
- (b) launching promotional programmes jointly with e-payment service providers; and
- (c) working with the Office of the Government Chief Information Officer (OGCIO) to develop more customer oriented e-payment services.

No specific provision has been made for the purpose.

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Question Serial No.

1650

Head: 188 Treasury

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (2) Payment of Salaries, Pensions and Benefits

Controlling Officer: Director of Accounting Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury

Question:

It is mentioned under "Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2005-06" that the Treasury will work on the redevelopment of the pension management system. However, with the deletion of 1 post, will the staffing be able to take on the new task to redevelop the pension management system, besides achieving the targets of the performance indicators for 2005-06? What are the estimated expenditure and the staffing involved in the redevelopment of the pension management system?

Asked by: Hon. WONG Ting-kwong

Reply:

The Treasury will make sure that the deletion of post will not in any way impair the existing services and that new and enhanced services will be delivered as scheduled. The estimated project cost of redeveloping the pension management system is \$9.8 million and it will be funded under Capital Works Reserve Fund Head 710 – Computerisation. With regard to staffing, about 12 staff are deployed to work on the project.

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