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**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PANEL
ON DEVELOPMENT**

**Revision of Fees and Charges under the
Purview of the Lands Department**

Purpose

This paper outlines the Administration's proposed revision of seven government fees and charges for services under the purview of the Lands Department which do not directly affect people's livelihood or general business activities.

The Proposal

2. In line with the "user pays" principle, it is Government policy that fees should in general be set at levels sufficient to recover the full cost of providing the services. The seven fee items concerned are imposed under the Land Survey Ordinance.

3. Costing exercises have been carried out recently to review the costs of these seven fee items. They reveal that all fee items should increase their fee levels in order to achieve full cost recovery. The proposed fee increase ranges from 7.5% to 8.2%. Details of the proposal are at the *Annex*. We will revise the fees once ready.

Efficiency Improvement Measures

4. We have been taking measures to reduce or contain cost of our services through implementing efficiency initiatives, reprioritizing service provision and streamlining procedures. Such efficiency savings and improvement measures have been factored into the calculation of costs for individual fee items.

Financial Implication

5. When the proposed fees and charges adjustments are implemented, there will be an increase of about \$0.16 million in revenue per annum.

Way Forward

6. Members are invited to note the proposed revision of fees and charges as set out in paragraphs 2 to 3 above. The Administration will proceed with the necessary legislative amendments to implement the adjustments.

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Proposed revision of fees under the Land Survey (Fees) Regulation

Item	Fee Description	Existing Fee (\$)	Proposed Fee (\$)
1	Inspection of land boundary record- (a) For each land boundary plan included in the record	53	57
	(b) For each survey record plan included in the record	53	57
2	Supply of copies of plans- (a) For each copy of land boundary plan	73	79
	(b) For each copy of survey record plan	73	79
3	Deposit of land boundary plan and corresponding survey record plan with the Land Survey Authority	2,520	2,710
4	Registration as an authorized land surveyor	4,080	4,400
5	Renewal of registration as an authorized land surveyor	715	770