

**Replies to supplementary questions raised by Finance Committee Members in  
examining the Estimates of Expenditure 2011-12**

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Non-in-situ land exchanges are considered by the Executive Council only when there are special circumstances with full policy justification and support, and it is in the overall public interest. The development is compliant with the use permissible under the lease conditions and with the statutory zoning, and approval for the general building plan and the commencement of foundation works has been granted under the BO. There are no special circumstances which warrants the Government's interference with private property rights and any suggested non-in-situ land exchange with the owner to address some local resistance to the development cannot be justified.

According to the approved building plan, one block of 20-storey building will be built at the site and its height will be similar to the buildings of Phase 8 of Mei Foo Sun Chuen next to the site.

As background information, NKML 25 R.P. was once used to accommodate a liquefied petroleum gas storage plant. In the light of public concerns over its proximity to Phase 8 of Mei Foo Sun Chuen, the Government explored the option of land exchange with the owner for relocating the facility but the owner subsequently relocated the facility in 1999 on its own volition.

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Date	_____ 1 April 2011 _____

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2011-12  
**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

**Reply Serial No.**

**S-DEVB(PL)02**

Question Serial No.

S064

Head : 138 Government Secretariat:  
Development Bureau (Planning and  
Lands Branch)

Subhead (No. & title) :  
000 Operational expenses

Programme:

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Development  
(Planning and Lands)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Development

Question :

Please provide the respective amounts of resources actually used in 2009-10 and 2010-11 and to be reserved for 2011-12 by the Development Bureau (Planning and Lands Branch) and the departments under its purview for the following items, as well as the contents and policy objectives of the activities of the Bureau and its departments:

- (a) Expenditure on Mainland duty visits, exchanges and meetings by local officials, as well as the ranks and number of local officials involved (Please list by provincial administrative regions and by cities for Guangdong Province)
- (b) Expenditure on exchanges, entertainment and meetings in Hong Kong with Mainland officials and departments, as well as the ranks and number of local and Mainland officials involved (Please list by provincial administrative regions and by cities for Guangdong Province)
- (c) Expenditure on overseas duty visits, exchanges and meetings (including those in Taiwan and Macao) attended by local officials, as well as the ranks and number of local officials involved (Please list by continents and countries/regions)
- (d) Expenditure on exchanges, entertainment and meetings in Hong Kong with overseas officials and departments (including those of Taiwan and Macao), as well as the ranks and number of local and overseas officials involved (Please list by continents and countries/regions)

Asked by : Hon. HO Sau-lan, Cyd

Reply :

The details and policy objectives of the duty visits, exchanges and meetings organised by the Development Bureau (Planning and Lands Branch) (DEVB(PLB)) and its departments, and the exchanges, entertainment and meetings organised for visiting officials are as follows:

Bureau/Department	Details of the Activities	Policy Objectives of the Activities
Development Bureau (Planning and Lands Branch)	Duty meetings, visits, exchanges and conferences	To discuss issues of mutual concern, obtain first-hand information on experiences, practices and policies of other jurisdictions relevant to the work of the Bureau and promote Hong Kong.
Lands Department	Duty meetings, visits, exchanges and conferences	To share knowledge and technologies of surveying, mapping, land administration, land title management and tree management.
Planning Department	Duty meetings, visits, exchanges and conferences	To enhance exchange on planning development strategies; to facilitate planning studies and research on development issues with a cross-boundary dimension; to increase staff's exposure to international trends in town planning; and to introduce the local statutory planning system.
Buildings Department	Duty meetings, visits, exchanges and conferences	To promote the exchange of construction technology and professional knowledge; and to enhance the co-operation between the construction industry of the Mainland and Hong Kong.
Land Registry	Duty meetings, visits, exchanges and conferences	To share experience and update on land registration practices and the latest developments on title registration in different jurisdictions.

The actual amount of resource used in 2009-10 and 2010-11, and the resources reserved for 2011-12 by the DEVB(PLB) and its departments for the following activities are set out in the table below:

Expenditure	Annex
Mainland duty visits, exchanges and meetings by local officials, as well as the ranks and number of local officials involved (with a breakdown by provincial administrative regions and by cities for Guangdong Province)	Annex 1
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Name in block letters \_\_\_\_\_ Thomas Chow

Post Title \_\_\_\_\_ Permanent Secretary for Development  
(Planning and Lands)

Date \_\_\_\_\_ 31 March 2011

**Annex 1:** Expenditure on Mainland duty visits, exchanges and meetings by local officials, as well as the ranks and number of local officials involved (with a breakdown by administrative regions at the provincial level and by cities for Guangdong Province)

Bureau/ Department (Note 1)	Destination	2009-10				2010-11				Resources Earmarked for 2011-12 (HK\$) (Note 2)
		No. of Activities	Rank of Officials from Hong Kong	No. of Officials	Expenditure Incurred (HK\$)	No. of Activities	Rank of Officials from Hong Kong	No. of Officials	Expenditure Incurred (HK\$)	
DEVB (PLB)	Shenzhen	16	Bureau Secretary, Press Secretary, Political Assistant, Permanent Secretary, Deputy Secretary, Principal Assistant Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Senior Executive Officer	37	43,777	9	Bureau Secretary, Press Secretary, Political Assistant, Permanent Secretary, Deputy Secretary, Principal Assistant Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Senior Executive Officer	26	158,413	
	Zhuhai	2	Principal Assistant Secretary, Assistant Secretary	2		0	N.A.	0		
	Guangzhou	7	Deputy Secretary, Principal Assistant Secretary, Assistant Secretary	9		5	Bureau Secretary, Permanent Secretary, Administrative Assistant, Press Secretary, Deputy Secretary, Principal Assistant Secretary, Assistant Secretary	10		
	Jiangmen	1	Principal Assistant Secretary	1		0	N.A.	0		
	Zhongshan	1	Permanent Secretary, Principal Assistant Secretary	2		0	N.A.	0		
	Sichuan	3	Bureau Secretary, Press Secretary, Political Assistant	3		1	Bureau Secretary, Principal Assistant Secretary	2		

	Tianjin	1	Principal Assistant Secretary	1		0	N.A.	0		
	Chongqing	0	N.A.	0		1	Principal Assistant Secretary	1		
	Gansu	0	N.A.	0		1	Bureau Secretary	1		
	Fujian	0	N.A.	0		1	Bureau Secretary, Press Secretary	2		
	Hainan	0	N.A.	0		1	Permanent Secretary, Principal Assistant Secretary	2		
	Zhejiang	0	N.A.	0		1	Bureau Secretary, Administrative Assistant, Press Secretary, Assistant Secretary	4		
	Shanghai	0	N.A.	0		3	Bureau Secretary, Permanent Secretary, Administrative Assistant, Political Assistant	4		
<i>Sub-total</i>		<i>31</i>		<i>55</i>	<i>43,777</i>	<i>23</i>		<i>52</i>	<i>158,413</i>	



Lands Department	Beijing/ Heilongjiang	1	Senior Land Surveyor	2	37,025	1	Deputy Director, Chief Land Surveyor, Land Surveyor	3	74,680	No provision earmarked at present
	Shenzhen	1	Deputy Director, Senior Land Surveyor, Senior Cartographer	3		0	N.A.	0		
	Jiangsu/ Shanghai	0	N.A.	0		1	Landscape Architect	1		
<i>Sub-total</i>		2		5	37,025	2		4	74,680	

Planning Department	Guangdong, Shenzhen	14	Director, Principal Government Town Planner, Government Town Planner, Chief Town Planner, Chief Engineer, Senior Town Planner, Town Planner	51	163,602	11	Director, Principal Government Town Planner, Government Town Planner, Chief Town Planner, Chief Engineer, Senior Town Planner, Town Planner, Assistant Town Planner	51	223,384	220,000
	Guangdong, Zhuhai	4	Director, Principal Government Town Planner, Government Town Planner, Chief Town Planner, Chief Engineer, Senior Town Planner, Town Planner	22		2	Principal Government Town Planner, Government Town Planner, Chief Town Planner, Chief Engineer, Senior Town Planner, Town Planner	11		
	Guangdong, Guangzhou	12	Director, Principal Government Town Planner, Government Town Planner, Chief Town Planner, Chief Engineer, Senior Town Planner, Town Planner, Assistant Town Planner, Town Planning Graduate	72		6	Director, Principal Government Town Planner, Government Town Planner, Chief Town Planner, Senior Engineer, Senior Town Planner, Town Planner, Town Planning Graduate	43		
	Guangdong, Zhongshan	1	Director, Government Town Planner, Chief Town Planner, Senior Town Planner	14		0	N.A.	0		
	Guangdong, Shenzhen / Zhongshan	1	Government Town Planner	1		0	N.A.	0		

	Guangdong, Shantou	0	N.A.	0		1	Government Town Planner	1		
	Beijing	0	N.A.	0		2	Senior Town Planner, Town Planner	2		
	Shanghai	1	Chief Town Planner, Senior Town Planner	2		4	Director, Principal Government Town Planner	6		
	Tianjin	1	Principal Government Town Planner, Government Town Planner, Town Planner	3		0	N.A.	0		
	Chongqing	0	N.A.	0		1	Government Town Planner, Senior Town Planner	4		
	Sichuan	1	Principal Government Town Planner, Senior Town Planner, Town Planner	3		0	N.A.	0		
	Jiangxi	1	Government Town Planner, Senior Town Planner	2		0	N.A.	0		
	Heilongjiang	1	Director, Senior Town Planner	2		0	N.A.	0		
	Zhejiang	0	N.A.	0		1	Landscape Architect	1		

	Shaanxi	0	N.A.	0		1	Director	1		
	Fujian	0	N.A.	0		1	Senior Town Planner	1		
	Guangzhou, Wuhan and Shenzhen	0	N.A.	0		1	Chief Town Planner, Senior Town Planner, Chief Survey Officer, Principal Survey Officer, Senior Survey Officer, Survey Officer, Cartographer, Principal Technical Officer, Chief Technical Officer, Senior Technical Officer, Technical Officer	14		
<i>Sub-total</i>		<i>37</i>		<i>172</i>	<i>163,602</i>	<i>31</i>		<i>135</i>	<i>223,384</i>	<i>220,000</i>

Buildings Department	Sichuan	1	Senior Building Surveyor, Senior Structural Engineer	2	116,478	0	N.A.	0	149,945	98,000
	Shanghai	2	Senior Building Surveyor, Senior Structural Engineer	4		0	N.A.	0		
	Fujian	0	N.A.	0		1	Director, Assistant Director, Senior Building Surveyor, Senior Structural Engineer, Building Surveyor, Structural Engineer	7		
	Beijing	0	N.A.	0		1	Chief Structural Engineer, Senior Building Surveyor	2		
	Guangzhou	0	N.A.	0		1	Director, Building Surveyor, Structural Engineer	4		
	<i>Sub-total</i>		3			6	3			
<b>Total</b>		<b>73</b>		<b>238</b>	<b>360,882</b>	<b>59</b>		<b>204</b>	<b>606,422</b>	

Note 1 : The Land Registry does not have expenditure for activity of this kind in both 2009-10 and 2010-11. However, a general provision of \$0.2 million for activities of this kind and that in Annex 3 has been included in the draft Business Plan of the Land Registry Trading Fund. All expenses will be paid out of the Land Registry Trading Fund, and not from the General Revenue Account.

Note 2 : In the 2011-12 estimate, an overall provision of \$320,000 has been earmarked for officials to attend duty visits, meetings and exchange / entertainment activities, including those covered in Annexes 1-4.

**Annex 2:** Expenditure on exchanges, entertainment and meetings in Hong Kong with Mainland officials and departments, as well as the ranks and number of local and Mainland officials involved (with a breakdown by administrative regions at the provincial level and by cities for Guangdong Province)

Bureau/ Department (Note 3)	Source Province/ City of visitors	2009-10						2010-11					Resources Earmarked for 2011-12 (HK\$)  (Note 2)	
		No. of Activities	Local Participating Officials		Mainland Participating Officials		Expenditure Incurred (HK\$)	No. of Activities	Local Participating Officials		Mainland Participating Officials			Expenditure Incurred (HK\$)
			Rank	No. of Officials	Rank	No. of Officials			Rank	No. of Officials	Rank	No. of Officials		
DEVB (PLB)	Sichuan	1	Bureau Secretary, Principal Assistant Secretary	2	Director General, Deputy Director and delegation	14	35,737	0	N.A.	0	N.A.	0	4,900	
	Shenzhen	1	Bureau Secretary and official members of the Hong Kong- Shenzhen Joint Task Force on Boundary District Development	21	Official members of the Hong Kong - Shenzhen Joint Task Force on Boundary District Development	40		0	N.A.	0	N.A.	0		
	Others : institutional delegation	0	N.A.	0	N.A.	0		1	Bureau Secretary, Permanent Secretary	2	Vice Minister and Director of the Ministry of Environmental Protection	2		

	Guangzhou	0	N.A.	0	N.A.	0		1	Bureau Secretary, Deputy Secretary, Principal Assistant Secretary, Assistant Director, Assistant Curator I	7	University professor	1		
<i>Sub-total</i>		2		23		54	35,737	2		9		3	4,900	
Lands Department	Beijing/Shenzhen	0	N.A.	0	N.A.	0	0	1	Director, Deputy Director, Assistant Director, Senior Administrative Officer	6	Deputy Departmental Head, Officer, Chief of Head, Deputy Chairman of the Commission	8	8,100	No provision earmarked at present
	Beijing	0	N.A.	0	N.A.	0		1	Deputy Director, Assistant Director, Chief Land Surveyor	5	Director, Chief of Office, Deputy Head of Secretariat	7		
<i>Sub-total</i>		0		0		0	0	2		11		15	8,100	

Planning Department	Guangdong	1	Senior Town Planner, Town Planner, Gallery Manager	3	A delegation from Mainland	11	147,671	3	Principal Government Town Planner, Government Town Planner, Chief Town Planner, Senior Town Planner, Town Planner, Town Planning Graduate	16	Director of Division, Deputy Director-general and delegation	8	37,482	57,000
	Guangdong, Shenzhen	11	Director, Principal Government Town Planner, Government Town Planner, Chief Engineer, Chief Town Planner, Senior Town Planner, Town Planner, Assistant Town Planner, Town Planning Graduate, Gallery Manager	37	Director and Deputy Director of Bureau, Chief Officer, Deputy Chief Officer, Deputy Director of Division, Section Chief and delegation	147		18	Director, Principal Government Town Planner, Government Town Planner, Chief Town Planner, Chief Engineer, Senior Town Planner, Town Planner, Town Planning Graduate, Gallery Manager	58	Director of Division, Deputy Director of Division, Deputy Chief Officer, Deputy Director of District, Deputy Team Leader, and delegation	234		



	Guangdong, Zhuhai	0	N.A.	0	N.A.	0		2	Government Town Planner, Chief Engineer, Senior Town Planner, Town Planner	7	Director of Bureau, Deputy Director of Bureau and delegation	26		
	Guangdong, Hong Kong, Macao, and nine cities in Pearl River Delta	1	Bureau Secretary, Director, Principal Government Town Planner, Government Town Planner, Chief Town Planner, Chief Engineer, Senior Town Planner, Town Planner	50	Relevant departments, experts, scholars, deputy directors-general and delegations from Guangdong, Hong Kong, Macao, and nine cities in Pearl River Delta	50		0	N.A.	0	N.A.	0		
<i>Sub-total</i>		<i>13</i>		<i>90</i>		<i>208</i>	<i>147,671</i>	<i>23</i>		<i>81</i>		<i>268</i>	<i>37,482</i>	<i>57,000</i>
<b>Total</b>		<b>15</b>		<b>113</b>		<b>262</b>	<b>183,408</b>	<b>27</b>		<b>101</b>		<b>286</b>	<b>50,482</b>	

Note 3 : The Buildings Department and Land Registry do not have expenditure for activity of this kind in both 2009-10 and 2010-11, and no provision has been earmarked for this purpose for 2011-12.

**Annex 3:** Expenditure on overseas duty visits, exchanges and meetings (including those in Taiwan and Macao) attended by local officials, as well as the ranks and number of local officials involved (with a breakdown by continents and countries/regions)

Bureau/ Department	Destination		2009-10				2010-11				Resources Earmarked for 2011-12 (HK\$)
	Continent	Country/ Region	No. of Activities	Rank of Officials from Hong Kong	No. of Officials	Expenditure Incurred (HK\$)	No. of Activities	Rank of Officials from Hong Kong	No. of Officials	Expenditure Incurred (HK\$)	
DEVB (PLB)	North America	United States	1	Assistant Secretary	1	30,619	0	N.A.	0	516,652	(Note 2)
	Asia	Singapore	1	Bureau Secretary, Press Secretary	2		1	Bureau Secretary, Administrative Assistant	2		
	Oceania	New Zealand	0	N.A.	0		1	Bureau Secretary, Administrative Assistant, Press Secretary	3		
	Asia	Taiwan	0	N.A.	0		1	Assistant Secretary	1		
	Europe	Norway	0	N.A.	0		1	Bureau Secretary, Administrative Assistant, Press Secretary	3		
	Europe	United Kingdom	0	N.A.	0		1	Bureau Secretary	1		
	Asia	Japan	0	N.A.	0		1	Bureau Secretary	1		
	Asia	Korea	0	N.A.	0		1	Bureau Secretary, Administrative Assistant, Press Secretary	3		
<i>Sub-total</i>			2		3	30,619	7		14	516,652	

Lands Department	South America	Chile/ Santiago	1	Deputy Director, Senior Cartographer	2	154,144	0	N.A.	0	248,636	737,000
	Asia	Indonesia/Bali	1	Chief Land Surveyor	1		0	N.A.	0		
	Asia	Singapore	1	Chief Land Surveyor	1		1	Deputy Director, Chief Land Surveyor	2		
	North America	United States	0	N.A.	0		2	Forestry Officer, Chief Land Surveyor	2		
	Asia	Macao	0	N.A.	0		1	Deputy Director, Chief Land Surveyor, Senior Land Surveyor, Land Surveyor	7		
	North America	Canada	0	N.A.	0		1	Senior Land Surveyor	1		
	Oceania	Australia	0	N.A.	0		1	Assistant Director	1		
<i>Sub-total</i>			<i>3</i>		<i>4</i>	<i>154,144</i>	<i>6</i>		<i>13</i>	<i>248,636</i>	<i>737,000</i>

Planning Department	Asia	Macao	2	Director Principal Government Town Planner, Government Town Planner, Chief Town Planner, Senior Town Planner, Town Planner, Town Planning Graduate	24	280,566	3	Government Town Planner, Chief Town Planner, Senior Town Planner, Town Planner	10	412,002	488,000
	Asia	Malaysia	1	Principal Government Town Planner	1		0	N.A.	0		
	Asia	Singapore	2	Senior Town Planner, Town Planner	2		1	Town Planner	1		
	Asia	South Korea	1	Director	1		0	N.A.	0		
	Asia	Taiwan	2	Senior Town Planner	2		0	N.A.	0		
	Asia	Russia	0	N.A.	0		1	Chief Town Planner	1		
	Oceania	Australia	1	Town Planner	1		1	Senior Town Planner	1		
	Oceania	New Zealand	0	N.A.	0		1	Senior Town Planner	1		
	Europe	United Kingdom	3	Town Planner	3		1	Town Planner	2		
	Europe	Germany	1	Senior Town Planner	1		0	N.A.	0		
	Europe	Finland	0	N.A.	0		1	Senior Town Planner	1		
	Europe	Norway	0	N.A.	0		1	Senior Town Planner	1		
	Europe	Norway and Finland	0	N.A.	0		1	Principal Government Town Planner	1		

	North America	United States	1	Senior Town Planner	1		2	Government Town Planner, Chief Town Planner, Senior Town Planner, Town Planner	6		
	North America	United States and Canada	1	Chief Town Planner	1		0	N.A.	0		
	South America	Brazil	1	Senior Landscape Architect	1		1	Town Planner	1		
<i>Sub-total</i>			<i>16</i>		<i>38</i>	<i>280,566</i>	<i>14</i>		<i>26</i>	<i>412,002</i>	<i>488,000</i>
Buildings Department	Asia	Singapore	1	Senior Building Surveyor, Senior Structural Engineer	2	<i>59,569</i>	0	N.A.	0	19,333	No provision earmarked at present
	Asia	Taiwan	0	N.A.	0		1	Building Surveyor, Structural Engineer	2		
<i>Sub-total</i>			<i>1</i>		<i>2</i>	<i>59,569</i>	<i>1</i>		<i>2</i>	<i>19,333</i>	
Land Registry	Oceania	Australia	2	Directorate officers, senior officers	5	126,794	2	Directorate officers, senior officers	4	105,085	(Note 4)
<i>Sub-total</i>			<i>2</i>		<i>5</i>	<i>126,794</i>	<i>2</i>		<i>4</i>	<i>105,085</i>	
<b>Total</b>			<b>24</b>		<b>52</b>	<b>651,692</b>	<b>30</b>		<b>59</b>	<b>1,301,708</b>	

Note 4 : A general provision of \$0.2 million for activities of this kind and that in Annex 1 has been included in the draft Business Plan of the Land Registry Trading Fund. All expenses will be paid out of the Land Registry Trading Fund, and not from the General Revenue Account.

**Annex 4:** Expenditure on exchanges, entertainment and meetings in Hong Kong with overseas officials and departments (including those of Taiwan and Macao), as well as the ranks and number of local and overseas officials involved (with a breakdown by continents and countries/regions)

Bureau/ Department (Note 5)	Source of visitors		2009-10						2010-11						Resources Earmarked for 2011-12 (HK\$)
			No. of Activities	Local Participating Officials		Overseas Participating Officials		Expenditure Incurred (HK\$)	No. of Activities	Local Participating Officials		Overseas Participating Officials		Expenditure Incurred (HK\$)	
	Continent	Country/ Region		Rank	No.	Rank	No.			Rank	No.	Rank	No.		
DEVB(PLB)	Asia	Macao	1	Permanent Secretary, Deputy Secretary, Principal Assistant Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Deputy Director, Assistant Director, Senior Town Planner	10	Bureau Secretary and delegation	14	9,700	0	N.A.	0	N.A.	0	7,416	(Note 2)
	North America	United States	1	Bureau Secretary, Deputy Secretary, Principal Assistant Secretary, Assistant Director	5	Chairman, New York City Landmarks Preservation Commission	3	0	N.A.	0	N.A.	0			
	Oceania	New Zealand	0	N.A.	0	N.A.	0	1	Bureau Secretary, Administrative Assistant	2	Consul General, Vice Consul	2			

	Europe	United Kingdom	0	N.A.	0	N.A.	0		1	Bureau Secretary, Permanent Secretary, Administrative Assistant	3	Consul General, Deputy Head, Assistant Commissioner	3		
	Europe	Germany	0	N.A.	0	N.A.	0		1	Bureau Secretary, Permanent Secretary, Administrative Assistant	3	Minister of State, Consul General, Head of Department	6		
<i>Sub-total</i>			2		15		17	9,700	3		8		11	7,416	
Planning Department	Asia	Macao	3	Director, Principal Government Town Planner, Government Town Planner, Chief Town Planner, Chief Engineer, Senior Town Planner, Town Planner	62	Chief of Staff and delegation	19	20,100	6	Principal Government Town Planner, Government Town Planner, Chief Town Planner, Chief Engineer, Senior Town Planner, Town Planner, Town Planning Graduate	21	Chief of Staff, Director of Department, Director-general, Deputy Director of Bureau and delegation	15	3,750	20,000
<i>Sub-total</i>			3		62		19	20,100	6		21		15	3,750	20,000
<b>Total</b>			<b>5</b>		<b>77</b>		<b>36</b>	<b>29,800</b>	<b>9</b>		<b>29</b>		<b>26</b>	<b>11,166</b>	

Note 5 : The Lands Department, Buildings Department and Land Registry do not have expenditure for activity of this kind in both 2009-10 and 2010-11, and no provision has been earmarked for this purpose for 2011-12.

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2011-12  
**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

**Reply Serial No.**

**S-DEVB(PL)03**

**Question Serial No.**

**S091**

Head : 138 Government Secretariat:  
Development Bureau (Planning and  
Lands Branch)

Subhead (No. & title) :  
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(Item 865 Operation Building  
Bright)

Programme: (2) Buildings, Lands and Planning

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Development  
(Planning and Lands)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Development

Question :

Follow-up on Reply Serial No. DEVB(PL)101.

The Government has provided in the reply the works costs for Category 2 target buildings under the Operation Building Bright (the Operation). Of the applications for Category 1 target buildings approved under the Operation, please provide, by the distribution of the buildings and by the number of storeys in the buildings (e.g. 6 storeys or below, 7-15 storeys, 16 to below 30 storeys and 30 storeys or above), the number of buildings involved, the repair costs and the consultant supervision charges.

Asked by : Hon. KAM Nai-wai

Reply :

The number of Category 1 target buildings granted with approvals-in-principle under the Operation Building Bright, the distribution and number of storeys of these buildings, the repair costs and consultant charges involved are tabulated as follows: -



District	Storey	Category 1 Target Buildings Granted with Approvals-in-principle as at 4 March 2011				
		Total Number of Buildings	Number of Buildings with Consultant Contracts Awarded	Consultant Charges Involved (\$)	Number of Buildings with Repair Works Contracts Awarded	Repair Costs Involved (\$)
Central and Western	6 storeys or below	26	23	293,000.00	9	7,463,751.55
	7-15 storeys	42	38	664,800.00	13	41,793,570.85
	16 to below 30 storeys	23	22	599,464.00	12	80,104,127.75
	30 storeys or above	0	0	0.00	0	0.00
Wanchai	6 storeys or below	13	12	140,600.00	4	3,832,927.00
	7-15 storeys	42	36	1,371,977.50	12	31,966,644.91
	16 to below 30 storeys	21	20	549,000.00	6	25,827,000.00
	30 storeys or above	0	0	0.00	0	0.00
Eastern	6 storeys or below	11	9	101,300.00	4	3,049,924.00
	7-15 storeys	49	45	879,000.00	7	21,266,309.00
	16 to below 30 storeys	37	33	841,000.00	15	97,280,411.28
	30 storeys or above	0	0	0.00	0	0.00
Southern	6 storeys or below	10	9	113,800.00	4	2,846,501.00
	7-15 storeys	2	2	41,000.00	0	0.00

District	Storey	Category 1 Target Buildings Granted with Approvals-in-principle as at 4 March 2011				
		Total Number of Buildings	Number of Buildings with Consultant Contracts Awarded	Consultant Charges Involved (\$)	Number of Buildings with Repair Works Contracts Awarded	Repair Costs Involved (\$)
	16 to below 30 storeys	3	3	72,000.00	2	23,842,150.00
	30 storeys or above	1	1	12,000.00	0	0.00
Sham Shui Po	6 storeys or below	13	11	167,200.00	4	2,990,974.00
	7-15 storeys	102	89	1,354,330.00	34	86,662,188.29
	16 to below 30 storeys	1	1	25,000.00	0	0.00
	30 storeys or above	0	0	0.00	0	0.00
Kowloon City	6 storeys or below	15	10	187,000.00	5	5,343,848.00
	7-15 storeys	57	42	1,287,567.50	21	56,010,182.53
	16 to below 30 storeys	13	13	409,657.00	7	30,351,276.00
	30 storeys or above	0	0	0.00	0	0.00
Yau Tsim Mong	6 storeys or below	33	31	331,700.00	18	23,116,345.88
	7-15 storeys	175	163	3,034,800.00	66	166,583,584.74
	16 to below 30 storeys	48	45	1,184,700.00	12	52,402,147.00
	30 storeys or above	0	0	0.00	0	0.00

District	Storey	Category 1 Target Buildings Granted with Approvals-in-principle as at 4 March 2011				
		Total Number of Buildings	Number of Buildings with Consultant Contracts Awarded	Consultant Charges Involved (\$)	Number of Buildings with Repair Works Contracts Awarded	Repair Costs Involved (\$)
Kwun Tong	6 storeys or below	11	11	135,500.00	8	11,294,084.00
	7-15 storeys	40	39	1,440,600.00	18	81,619,459.00
	16 to below 30 storeys	15	15	474,000.00	12	70,980,913.19
	30 storeys or above	0	0	0.00	0	0.00
Wong Tai Sin	6 storeys or below	7	7	96,000.00	5	8,750,808.00
	7-15 storeys	6	6	76,000.00	3	12,549,144.20
	16 to below 30 storeys	7	7	232,250.00	4	30,652,204.00
	30 storeys or above	0	0	0.00	0	0.00
Tsuen Wan	6 storeys or below	26	20	318,000.00	11	12,078,243.00
	7-15 storeys	7	6	508,380.00	2	4,440,000.00
	16 to below 30 storeys	11	11	304,200.00	6	27,891,263.00
	30 storeys or above	0	0	0.00	0	0.00
Kwai Tsing	6 storeys or below	6	6	125,000.00	2	3,195,035.50
	7-15 storeys	11	10	151,700.00	5	18,663,352.00
	16 to below 30 storeys	22	22	430,800.00	10	65,479,703.00

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		Total Number of Buildings	Number of Buildings with Consultant Contracts Awarded	Consultant Charges Involved (\$)	Number of Buildings with Repair Works Contracts Awarded	Repair Costs Involved (\$)
	30 storeys or above	0	0	0.00	0	0.00
Tuen Mun	6 storeys or below	4	4	66,000.00	2	3,419,900.00
	7-15 storeys	1	1	16,000.00	1	3,460,000.00
	16 to below 30 storeys	3	3	50,000.00	0	0.00
	30 storeys or above	0	0	0.00	0	0.00
Tai Po	6 storeys or below	8	8	106,000.00	5	8,239,824.00
	7-15 storeys	5	5	96,000.00	1	1,330,000.00
	16 to below 30 storeys	2	2	38,000.00	0	0.00
	30 storeys or above	0	0	0.00	0	0.00
Shatin	6 storeys or below	2	2	26,200.00	1	1,056,244.00
	7-15 storeys	1	1	9,000.00	1	1,991,000.00
	16 to below 30 storeys	0	0	0.00	0	0.00
	30 storeys or above	0	0	0.00	0	0.00
Yuen Long	6 storeys or below	27	27	334,800.00	13	27,990,727.98
	7-15 storeys	4	4	41,000.00	1	1,198,377.00

District	Storey	Category 1 Target Buildings Granted with Approvals-in-principle as at 4 March 2011				
		Total Number of Buildings	Number of Buildings with Consultant Contracts Awarded	Consultant Charges Involved (\$)	Number of Buildings with Repair Works Contracts Awarded	Repair Costs Involved (\$)
	16 to below 30 storeys	8	8	158,000.00	5	50,871,761.00
	30 storeys or above	0	0	0.00	0	0.00
North	6 storeys or below	2	2	37,000.00	1	2,493,748.00
	7-15 storeys	0	0	0.00	0	0.00
	16 to below 30 storeys	0	0	0.00	0	0.00
	30 storeys or above	0	0	0.00	0	0.00
Total		973	885	18,931,326.00	372	1,212,379,654.65

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SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

**Reply Serial No.**

**S-DEVB(PL)06**

Question Serial No.

S089

Head : 82 Buildings Department

Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme: Buildings and Building Works

Controlling Officer: Director of Buildings

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Development

Question:

Follow-up to Reply Serial No. DEVB(PL)100

In the reply, the Government stated that the web-based system for retrieval and viewing of the minor works records had been launched at the end of last year, but fees were charged for using the system to retrieve and view the records. What are the details of the fees? Will the Government consider allowing the public to view certain information in the system free of charge, especially the information that can help owners or owners' corporations to better understand the carrying out of repair and maintenance of minor works? The estimated operation cost for the system is only \$0.3 million per year, will the Government consider taking up the cost as government expenditure so as to increase the transparency of the Government?

Asked by: Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply:

The fees for viewing and copying of building records maintained by the Buildings Department (BD) are prescribed in regulation 42 of the Building (Administration) Regulations (Cap 123 sub. leg. A). The relevant prescribed fees for viewing and copying of minor works records through the web-based system are as follows<sup>1</sup>:-

- (a) Viewing of building records - \$36 per file<sup>2</sup>
- (b) Certified copy of a plan - \$42 per copy
- (c) Non-certified copy of a plan - \$24 per copy
- (d) Certified copy of a document - \$8 per copy
- (e) Non-certified copy of a document - \$1.4 per copy

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<sup>1</sup> The latest full fee schedule, including the fees for viewing and copying minor works and other building records in paper and microfilm formats, can be found on the BD's website ([http://www.bd.gov.hk/english/services/index\\_support4.html](http://www.bd.gov.hk/english/services/index_support4.html)).

<sup>2</sup> In general, all building records for a single residential building or the residential part of a composite building can be found in a single file.

In general, all fees and charges under the BD will follow the user-pay principle which is applicable to the provision of Government services. Users of the web-based system are required to pay the prescribed fees in accordance with the above principle on a full cost recovery basis.

The system keeps records of the completed minor works which are available for viewing and copying by members of the public. To help individual owners and owners' corporations to better understand the conduct of repair and maintenance works, relevant pamphlets, guidelines, practice notes, registers of building professionals and contractors are currently available for viewing and download free of charge from the BD's website (<http://www.bd.gov.hk>).

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Post Title	_____ Director of Buildings _____
Date	_____ 1.4.2011 _____

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SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

**Reply Serial No.**

**S-DEVB(PL)07**

Question Serial No.

S076

Head : 82 Buildings Department

Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme: Buildings and Building Works

Controlling Officer: Director of Buildings

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Development

Question:

In Reply Serial No. DEVB(PL)128, the Administration stated that the existing staff of the Existing Buildings Divisions of the Buildings Department had been monitoring the outsourced consultants' work. What was the expenditure required for the monitoring of the outsourced consultants? Why didn't the Administration stop using the outsourced consultancy service and the Buildings Department handle the work directly instead?

Asked by: Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply:

Monitoring of the work of the Buildings Department (BD)'s outsourced consultants, including that of the outsourced consultants for the one-off special operation on abandoned/dangerous signboards, is handled by the existing resources of 477 professional and technical staff of the Existing Buildings Divisions of the BD as part of the Divisions' overall duties to implement the Department's building safety and maintenance enforcement programme. It is not possible to provide a breakdown of the expenditure solely for monitoring the outsourced consultants' work for the one-off special operation on abandoned/dangerous signboards.

The one-off special operation to identify abandoned/dangerous signboards for enforcement action launched in August 2010 involves comprehensive planned surveys in the territory and subsequent enforcement action. Having taken into account the nature of the work involved, the BD has engaged private sector consultants to carry out the non-statutory work in respect of the special operation, such as carrying out of survey and inspection of abandoned/dangerous signboards before and after the BD's issue of statutory notices, with a view to maximising the overall cost effectiveness of the Department's enforcement actions and flexibility in the Department's staff deployment in the special operation.

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Date 1.4.2011

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**Reply Serial No.**

**S-DEVB(PL)08**

Question Serial No.

S066

Head : 91 Lands Department

Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme: (1) Land Administration

Controlling Officer: Director of Lands

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Development

Question :

Follow-up on Reply Serial No. DEVB(PL)159

It is stated in the Government's reply that an estimated total of 18 448 flats would be produced from a total of 30 residential sites disposed of through government land sales, private treaty grants, lease modifications and land exchanges in 2010. However, according to the figures provided in the Government's reply to the Legislative Council Question No.16 on 9 March 2011, it was estimated that in 2010 a total of 17 900 flats would be produced through the Application List, lease modifications/land exchanges, private treaty grants made to the Urban Renewal Authority and the Mass Transit Railway Corporation Limited and the private redevelopment projects not subject to lease modifications. Why is there a difference of over 500 between them?

Asked by : Hon. LEE Wing-tat

Reply :

As we have stated in Reply Serial No. DEVB(PL)159, a total of 30 residential sites were disposed of through government land sales, private treaty grants, lease modifications and land exchanges in 2010. We estimate that these 30 sites would produce a total of 18 448 flats. However, this is an overall estimate taking into account the development density or estimated development density permissible for the sites. The actual flat number that may be produced from each of the sites depends on the design of the proposed development to be implemented by the developer.

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Miss Annie TAM

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Director of Lands

Date \_\_\_\_\_

30 March 2011

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**Reply Serial No.**

**S-DEVB(PL)09**

Question Serial No.

S090

Head : 91 Lands Department

Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme: (1) Land Administration

Controlling Officer: Director of Lands

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Development

Question :

Follow-up on Reply Serial No. DEVB(PL) 158

It is stated in the Government's reply that there are a total number of 4 918 short term tenancies (STTs) currently administered by the Lands Department and, among them, 2 716 have been held by the same tenant for ten years or more. Will the Government inform this Committee how many of these STTs have been held for 15 years or more, and how many for 20 years or more? Regarding the 4 577 STTs let by direct grant, how many of them were let to non-profit-making organisations, public bodies, and private persons or organisations respectively; and how many were let for private residential use?

Asked by : Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply :

Of the 2 716 short term tenancies (STTs) held by the same tenant for ten years or more, 1 542 STTs have been held for 20 years or more with the remaining 1 174 STTs held for ten years or more but less than 20 years, but we do not have a breakdown of STTs held for 15 years or more. Of the total of 4 577 STTs let by direct grant, 494 STTs are granted to non-profit making organisations, 354 STTs to public bodies and 3 729 STTs to private persons or organisations. There are 178 STTs granted for domestic use.

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