

**Replies to supplementary oral and written questions raised by  
Finance Committee Members in  
examining the Estimates of Expenditure 2004-05**

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

Reply Serial No.

S-EMB001

Question Serial No.

SV016

Head: 156 Government Secretariat  
Education and Manpower Bureau

Subhead(No. & title): 873 Codes of Aid  
for existing schools

Programme: (2) Primary Education  
(3) Secondary Education  
(4) Special Education

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Education and Manpower

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Education and Manpower

Question: Hon. CHEUNG Man-kwong requested the Administration to provide information on the estimated time and resources required for removing asbestos materials found in 531 identified schools.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Man-kwong

Reply:

According to the guidelines of Environmental Protection Department, asbestos containing materials (ACM) should be left in place undisturbed if they are in good conditions. Accordingly, the Administration concentrates its efforts on conducting regular surveillance for signs of deterioration and carrying out removal works where required and/or where opportunity arises (e.g. as and when major repairs are undertaken for parts involving ACM), rather than imposing a rigid schedule on the removal of ACM.

In the 2004/05 school year, the Administration plans to launch an Asbestos Management Plan, under which registered asbestos consultants will be appointed to undertake ACM surveillance, supervise and co-ordinate ACM removal works. Funding of \$23.9 million has been earmarked in 2004-05 for the purpose, and EMB will seek the necessary funding approval in due course. The cost of ACM removal works, if required, will be met from Head 156 Subhead 900 Codes of Aid for existing schools - maintenance, repairs and minor improvement (block vote).

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Mrs Fanny Law

Permanent Secretary for Education and Manpower

15 April 2004

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**SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

S-EMB002

Question Serial No.

SV017

Head: 156 Government Secretariat  
Education and Manpower Bureau

Subhead(No. & title):

Programme: (2) Primary Education  
(3) Secondary Education

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Education and Manpower

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Education and Manpower

Question: Hon. CHEUNG Man-kwong requested the Administration to provide information on school projects to be implemented for reprovisioning schools accommodated in sub-standard premises starting from 2004. Information sought included districts and locations of schools involved.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Man-kwong

Reply:

Many of the schools in Hong Kong were built to old planning standards. To provide improvement to the physical state of these schools to keep abreast of the latest development in teaching and learning, we have launched the School Improvement Programme (SIP). The majority of the projects in the SIP will be completed in 2005. With the gradual completion of the SIP, we are putting in place a rolling reprovisioning and redevelopment (R&R) programme to provide continuous improvement to the physical environment of schools.

The number of schools to benefit from this programme will be subject to availability of land and financial resources. Our current school building programme has included 25 R&R projects up to 2010. Details of these projects are provided in Annex A.

Further R&R projects are now under study. We have indeed reserved sufficient school sites for meeting various policy objectives. A list of the potential school sites by district and tentative date of availability is in Annex B. Subject to feasibility study and taking into account the needs of other policy objectives such as implementation of the new 3+3+4 curriculum, we will make progressive use of the sites for reprovisioning existing schools. In-situ redevelopment of existing schools is to be considered separately on a case-by-case basis. We expect to pick up momentum gradually and to develop plans for more and more R&R projects in due course.

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**School projects approved by FC for reprovisioning and redevelopment from 2004/05 to 2010/11 school years**

<b>School Year</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>Dist.</b>	<b>Name of School</b>
<b>Primary Schools</b>			
<b>2004/05</b>	1	TM	Hing Tak Public School
<b>2005/06</b>	1	HKE	Meng Tak Primary School - Chai Wan
	2	HKE	Shaukiwan Tsung Tsin School
	3	YL	Yuen Long Chamber of Commerce Primary School
<b>2006/07</b>	1	WCH	Marymount Primary School
<b>Secondary Schools</b>			
<b>2004/05</b>	1	SOU	Caritas St. Francis Secondary School
	2	SSP	Tack Ching Girls' Middle school
<b>Special Schools</b>			
<b>2004/05</b>	1	YL	Hong Chi Morninglight School, Wah Fu
<b>2005/06</b>	1	KT	Society of Boys' Centres Shing Tak Centre School

**School projects under planning for reprovisioning and redevelopment from 2004/05 to 2010/11 school years**

<b>School Year</b>	<b>Dist.</b>	<b>No. of School</b>
<b>Primary Schools</b>		
<b>2005/06</b>	WTS	1
<b>2006/07</b>	WTS	1
<b>2007/08</b>	CW	1
	WCH	1
	SOU	1
	N	2
<b>2009/10</b>	WCH	1
<b>Secondary Schools</b>		
<b>2006/07</b>	SSP	1
	N	1
	YL	1
<b>2007/08</b>	KC	1
	SSP	1
<b>2008/09</b>	KC	1
<b>Special Schools</b>		
<b>2007/08</b>	SSP	1
	YL	1

**Distribution of Potential School Sites  
by District and the Tentative Availability Date  
(as at April 2004)**

	<b>Available by 2007 and before</b>	<b>Available by 2008 and afterwards</b>	<b>Total</b>
Central & Western	0	1	1
Wan Chai	0	0	0
Eastern	0	8	8
Southern	2	2	4
Islands	1	15	16
Yau Tsim Mong	1	3	4
Kowloon City	10	36	46
Sham Shui Po	4	7	11
Wong Tai Sin	2	5	7
Kwun Tong	9	11	20
Sha Tin	6	9	15
Tai Po	11	4	15
North	4	40	44
Sai Kung	9	10	19
Tsuen Wan	1	1	2
Kwai Tsing	1	2	3
Tuen Mun	1	8	9
Yuen Long	2	6	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>232</b>

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**INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

S-EMB003

Question Serial No.

SV 018

Head: 156 Government Secretariat : Subhead(No. & title):  
Education and Manpower Bureau

Programme:

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Education and Manpower

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Education and Manpower

Question: The Administration to provide the percentages of teachers who have passed some papers of the English and Putonghua Language Proficiency Requirement Tests by each paper of the tests, and a breakdown of these teachers by primary and secondary schools.

Asked by: Hon. MA Fung-kwok

Reply:

As at March 2004, the percentages of English and Putonghua teachers who have passed all papers and met the language proficiency requirement are 22% and 32% respectively in primary schools and 52% and 44% respectively in secondary schools. In addition, the percentages of teachers who have passed some but not all papers of the Language Proficiency Requirement Tests are as follows :

Schools	English teachers					Putonghua teachers			
	Paper 1	Paper 2	Paper 3	Paper 4	Paper 5	Paper 1	Paper 2	Paper 3	Paper 4
	(Reading)	(Writing)	(Listening)	(Speaking)	(CLA*)	(Listening)	(Pinyin)	(Oral)	(CLA*)
Primary	27%	11%	23%	14%	7%	20%	22%	15%	6%
Secondary	17%	10%	17%	11%	3%	35%	33%	27%	7%

\* Classroom Language Assessment

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Date \_\_\_\_\_ 13 April 2004

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