Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2005-06

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

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Question :   The Lands Department mentioned that it would "continue to oversee all land transactions on a proactive basis with the computerized Case Monitoring System".   Please advise us of the details of the work, the expenditure and the manpower involved.

Asked by: Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply:
The system involves inputting and updating all the relevant information about the case, such as lot details, applicant information, basic terms offer date, Building Covenant and Certificate of Compliance records etc, by various case officers involved in different aspects of the transaction at different stages of the processing of the case.   This system offers easy and effective monitoring of the progress of the case, and identifies the action or problem that may be outstanding and who (in some cases this could be the applicant) is responsible for it.

The estimated expenditure in 2005-06 is about $800,000 which includes the costs for dataline service, enhancement works and annual maintenance for the system application and all related software and hardware items.

The total number of staff involved in the overall operation of this system is about 330 who can be broadly classified into the system users and the system administration and information technology (IT) supporting staff.   The system is used by about 315 officers of the Estate Surveyor, Estate Officer, Land Executive grades and other supporting staff of various offices/districts.   The administration of the system and IT support is provided by a total of 15 staff as part of their duties.

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