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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Programme: (2) Buildings, Lands and Planning

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Housing, Planning and Lands (Planning and Lands)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Housing, Planning and Lands

Question : Regarding consultancy studies for policy making and assessment (if any) commissioned by the above bureau and departments, please provide details in the following format:

(1) Please provide the following details on the consultancy studies for which financial provision has been allocated respectively in 2001-02 and 2002-03:

Name of consultants (if available)	Description	Consultancy fees (\$)	Progress on consultancy studies (Planning/ In progress/ Completed)	The Administration's follow-up action on the study reports and the progress made	Reasons for no follow-up action on the study reports and whether other measures are available to deal with the subjects under study

(2) Please provide the following details on the consultancy studies for which financial provision has not been allocated respectively in 2001-02 and 2002-03, though consultancy studies have been made during the year:

Name of consultants (if available)	Description	Consultancy fees (\$)	Progress on consultancy studies (Planning/ In progress/ Completed)	The Administration's follow-up action on the study reports and the progress made	Reasons for no follow-up action on the study reports and whether other measures are available to deal with the subjects under study

(3) Has financial provision been allocated for commissioning consultancy studies in 2003-04? If yes, please provide the following details:

Name of consultants (if available)	Description	Consultancy fees (\$)	Status of consultancy studies (Planning / In progress / Completed)

Asked by: Hon. HO Sau-lan, Cyd

Reply: Consultancy studies commissioned by the Planning and Lands Branch of the Housing, Planning and Lands Bureau and departments under its purview in respect of Policy Area 22 : Buildings, Lands and Planning are as follows-

(1) consultancy studies for which financial provision has been allocated respectively in 2001-02 and 2002-03

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2001-02					
Anthony Ng Architects Ltd.	Consultancy to review Building Regulations on lighting and ventilation of buildings (BD)	1,800,000	In progress	N.A.	N.A.

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Hyder Consulting Ltd.	Consultancy to review Building Regulations on drainage of buildings (BD)	447,000	In progress	N.A.	N.A.
MDR Technology Ltd.	Thematic household survey on aspirations and experience of taking up residence in the Mainland of China (PD)	191,000	Completed	Findings used for planning analysis in the Hong Kong 2030 Study	N.A.
Environmental Resources Management Ltd.	Study on revitalization of Tai O (PD)	945,000	Completed	Recommendations used as input to update outline development plan	N.A.
MDR Technology Ltd.	Cross Boundary Travel Survey 2001 (PD)	2,889,000	Completed	Results used to analyse cross boundary travel characteristics and published in the "Report on Northbound - Southbound"	N.A.
LD Asia and Atkins China Ltd Joint Venture	The Focus Study on Aberdeen Harbour (PD)	1,006,000	Completed	Proposals for local upgrading and improvement being taken forward by relevant Government departments. Long-term proposals to be further considered pending the future development strategy of Ocean Park being formulated.	N.A.

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RMJM (HK) Ltd.	Urban Design Guidelines for Hong Kong (PD)	473,000	Completed	The Administration is now examining possible mechanisms to implement the recommendations of the Consultancy Study.	N.A.
Shankland Cox Asia Limited	Stage II Study on Review of Metroplan and the Related Kowloon Density Study Review (PD)	1,572,000	Completed	Recommendations being taken forward in plan making/revision, development control and infrastructure planning.	N.A.
Weber Shandwick Worldwide GHK (HK) Ltd. Parsons Brinckerhoff (Asia) Ltd. Hyder-Mott Connell Joint Venture	Hong Kong 2030: Planning Vision and Strategy (PD) Publicity and public relations (PD) Economic Land Forecasting Methodology (PD) Traffic Assessment and Transport Modelling (PD) Environmental Assessment (PD)	1,815,000	In progress	N.A.	N.A.
Townland Consultants Ltd.	Study on Planning for Pedestrians (PD)	861,000	In progress	N.A.	N.A.
Urbis Ltd.	Landscape Value Mapping of Hong Kong (PD)	357,000	In progress	N.A.	N.A.

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2002-03					
Ove Arup & Partners Hong Kong Ltd.	Consultancy to review code of practice for fire safety in buildings and renovation works (BD)	3,990,000	In progress	N.A.	N.A.
Anthony Ng Architects Ltd.	Consultancy to review Building Regulations on lighting and ventilation of buildings (BD)	1,496,000	In progress	N.A.	N.A.
Hyder Consulting Ltd.	Consultancy to review Building Regulations on drainage of buildings (BD)	1,025,000	In progress	N.A.	N.A.
Ove Arup & Partners Hong Kong Ltd.	Consultancy on the seismic effects on buildings in Hong Kong (BD)	1,000,000	In progress	N.A.	N.A.
Ove Arup & Partners Hong Kong Ltd.	Consultancy on a comprehensive environmental performance assessment scheme for buildings (BD)	2,091,000	In progress	N.A.	N.A.
Ove Arup & Partners Hong Kong Ltd/ PolyU Technology & Consultancy Co. Ltd.	Consultancy to draft a limit-state code for structural use of steel in Hong Kong (BD)	\$160,000	In progress	N.A.	N.A.

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LD Asia and Atkins China Ltd Joint Venture	The Focus Study on Aberdeen Harbour (PD)	1,047,000	Completed	Proposals for local upgrading and improvement being taken forward by relevant Government departments. Long-term proposals to be further considered pending the future development strategy of Ocean Park being formulated.	N.A.
RMJM (HK) Ltd.	Urban Design Guidelines for Hong Kong (PD)	244,000	Completed	The Administration is now examining possible mechanisms to implement the recommendations of the Consultancy Study.	N.A.
Shankland Cox Asia Limited	Stage II Study on Review of Metroplan and the Related Kowloon Density Study Review (PD)	750,000	Completed	Recommendations being taken forward in plan making/revision, development control and infrastructure planning.	N.A.

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Weber Shandwick Worldwide GHK (HK) Ltd. Parsons Brinckerhoff (Asia) Ltd. Hyder-Mott Connell Joint Venture GHK (HK) Ltd. Hong Kong Baptist University	Hong Kong 2030: Planning Vision and Strategy (PD) Publicity and public relations (PD) Economic Land Forecasting Methodology (PD) Traffic Assessment and Transport Modelling (PD) Environmental Assessment (PD) Economic & Financial Assessment (PD) Broad Landuse Pattern of the Pearl River Delta Region (PD)	4,034,000	In progress	N.A.	N.A.
Townland Consultants Ltd.	Study on Planning for Pedestrians (PD)	1,193,000	In progress	N.A.	N.A.
Urbis Ltd.	Landscape Value Mapping of Hong Kong (PD)	1,791,000	In progress	N.A.	N.A.
Guangdong Urban Social & Economic Survey Organization	Survey of HK Residents living and working in the PRD Region (PD)	830,000	In progress	N.A.	N.A.

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2001-02					
Babtie Asia Ltd.	Consultancy study on precast concrete construction (BD)	\$865,000	Completed	A draft Code of Practice has been prepared for consultation with the building industry	N.A.
Prudential Surveyors International Ltd	Consultancy study on formulation of a building classification scheme for private buildings (BD)	\$474,208	In progress	N.A.	N.A.
2002-03					
Aedas LPT Limited	Consultancy study on site coverage and open space provision for private building (BD)	988,020	In progress	N.A.	N.A.
Prudential Surveyors International Ltd	Consultancy study on formulation of a building classification scheme for private buildings (BD)	172,592	In progress	N.A.	N.A.

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CM Wong & Associates Ltd	Consultancy study on minimum design loads for buildings and streets (BD)	780,000	In progress	N.A.	N.A.
CM Wong & Associates Ltd	Consultancy study to review the Building (Construction) Regulations and related practice notes and guidelines (BD)	680,000	In progress	N.A.	N.A.
Babtie Asia Ltd	Consultancy study on structural use of concrete using limit-state approach (BD)	980,000	In progress	N.A.	N.A.

(3) Financial provision allocated for commissioning consultancy studies in 2003-04

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Ove Arup & Partners Hong Kong Ltd.	Consultancy to review the code of practice for fire safety in buildings and renovation works (BD)	3,990,000	In progress
Anthony Ng Architects Ltd.	Consultancy to review Building Regulations on lighting and ventilation of buildings (BD)	1,197,000	In progress
Hyder Consulting Ltd.	Consultancy to review Building Regulations on drainage of buildings (BD)	828,000	In progress
Ove Arup & Partners Hong Kong Ltd.	Consultancy on the seismic effects on buildings in Hong Kong (BD)	3,250,000	In progress
Ove Arup & Partners Hong Kong Ltd.	Consultancy on a comprehensive environmental performance assessment scheme for buildings (BD)	3,509,000	In progress

Name of consultants (if available)	Description	Consultancy fees (\$)	Status of consultancy studies (Planning / In progress / Completed)
Samson Wong & Associates Property Consultancy Limited	Consultancy to draft a design manual on barrier free access and facilities for persons with a disability and the elderly (BD)	2,700,000	In progress
Ove Arup & Partners Hong Kong Ltd/ PolyU Technology & Consultancy Co. Ltd.	Consultancy to draft a limit-state code for structural use of steel in Hong Kong (BD)	2,080,000	In progress
Weber Shandwick Worldwide GHK (HK) Ltd. Parsons Brinckerhoff (Asia) Ltd. Hyder-Mott Connell Joint Venture GHK (HK) Ltd. Parsons Hong Kong Baptist University	Hong Kong 2030: Planning Vision and Strategy (PD) Publicity and public relations (PD) Economic Land Forecasting Methodology (PD) Traffic Assessment and Transport Modelling (PD) Environmental Assessment (PD) Economic & Financial Assessment (PD) Broad Landuse Pattern of the PRD Region (PD)	4,898,000	In progress
Townland Consultants Ltd.	Study on Planning for Pedestrians (PD)	1,024,000	In progress
Urbis Ltd.	Landscape Value Mapping of Hong Kong (PD)	2,274,000	In progress
Guangdong Urban Social & Economic Survey Organization Not yet available	Study on HK Residents Living in the Pearl River Delta Region (PD) Survey of HK Residents living and working in the PRD Region (PD) Second Thematic Household Survey – HK residents’ experience of and aspiration for taking up residence in the Mainland of China (PD)	1,465,000	In progress Under planning
Not yet available	Study on Rural Planning and Land Management in the New Territories (PD)	1,295,000	Under planning
Not yet available	Cross-boundary Travel Survey 2003 (PD)	2,580,000	Under planning
Not yet available	Review on Shopping Habits (PD)	1,750,000	Under planning

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