

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2003-04
**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

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Head : 82 Buildings Department Subhead (No. & title) : 700/011 –
General other
non-recurrent/Consultancy to
compile a full list of existing
private buildings in Hong Kong

Programme : Buildings and Building Works

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Question :

Under “General other non-recurrent” expenditure, so far the approved provision of \$3.3million for the “Consultancy to compile a full list of existing private buildings in Hong Kong” has not been used. What is the reason for this? Can the Government tell this Council the progress of the consultancy?

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Kam-lam

Reply :

The scope originally proposed for the “ Consultancy to compile a full list of existing private buildings in Hong Kong” includes the production of a computer database of existing private buildings. Such database comprises the address, lot number, building name, date of occupation permit, building type, number of storeys, etc. of all existing private buildings.

Since mid-2002, the Buildings Department (BD) has developed and put into use the “Building Condition Information System” to facilitate control of existing private buildings. This system has enabled the building up of the database mentioned above.

To avoid duplication, BD is now revising the coverage of the proposed consultancy study which is scheduled to commence in 2003/04. At this stage, we do not have an estimated expenditure drawdown for 2003/04.

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