

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2003-04
**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Question :

The Select Committee on Building Problems of Public Housing Units recommended that public housing units constructed by the Housing Authority should also be put under the control of the Buildings Department at the same time. In this regard, has the authorities set aside resources in 2003-04 for implementing this recommendation? What is the additional expenditure required?

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Kam-lam

Reply :

The Government is now examining in detail the legal, administrative, staffing and resource implications involved in taking forward the recommendation to put Housing Authority projects under the control of the Buildings Ordinance. A steering committee comprising representatives of Housing, Planning and Lands Bureau, Buildings Department (BD) and Housing Department has been set up to study the issues involved. The committee's work is still on-going. As such, no resources have been specifically set aside in 2003-04 for implementing the recommendation.

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