

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) : 700/000 –
General other
non-recurrent/Operational
expenses

Programme : Buildings and Building Works

Controlling Officer : Director of Buildings

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Housing, Planning and Lands

Question : The Buildings Department plans to develop new construction and planning standards to suit the need of modern building design and construction. Please specify the details of this programme and the estimated expenditure?

Asked by : Hon. HO Chun-yan, Albert

Reply :

The Buildings Department has initiated a programme to update the Building (Construction) Regulations, the Building (Planning) Regulations and other related regulations, taking into account community needs, and modern building design and construction technology. This programme includes studies on requirements relating to fire safety, lighting and ventilation, structural use of concrete and steel, precast concrete construction, barrier free access and drainage of buildings. The total estimated expenditure of the programme is \$37 million., of which about \$14 million is estimated to be spent in 2003/04.

Signature

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Director of Buildings

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