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Question : Regarding the financial commitment of \$7 million for 2003-04 as spelled out in Item 560 – Study on Rural Planning and Land Management in the New Territories under Subhead 700 of the Capital Account of the Planning Department, please list the expense details.

Asked by : Hon. LAU Wong-fat

Reply :

The Study on Rural Planning and Land Management in the New Territories is to be undertaken in phases. Phase One, aiming at identifying problems and possible redress measures to better manage the rural environment, is being carried out in-house by Planning Department. Phase Two will formulate an implementation framework and work out action plans for pilot projects. A provision of \$7 million has been allocated for engaging consultants to provide specialist inputs in Phase Two of the Study. The detailed breakdown is as follows:

Consultants' Staff Cost (a) :	\$5.91 million
Engineering	\$1.07 million
Transport Engineer	\$1.07 million
Environmentalist	\$1.07 million
Economist	\$0.97 million
Land Valuer	\$1.73 million
Out-of-Pocket Expenses (b)	\$0.40 million
Contingency Fund (c)	\$0.63 million
Total Cost (a+b+c)	\$6.94 million
	<i>(say \$7.00 million)</i>

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Director of Planning

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