

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2003-04

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

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Head : 118 - Planning Department Subhead (No. & title) : 700 – General other non-recurrent
838 – Minor consultancy studies
(block vote)

Programme : (1) – Territorial and Sub-regional Planning
(5) – Technical Services

Controlling Officer : Director of Planning

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Housing, Planning and Lands

Question : Please list the consultancy studies having been or proposed to be commissioned by the Planning Department, and the expenses so involved, during the financial years 2002-03 and 2003-04.

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Yuen-han

Reply : For major consultancy studies (funded under Subhead 700), the expenses for 2002-03 was \$16 million and the provision for 2003-04 is \$11.6 million. For minor studies (funded under Subhead 838 and each costing between \$50,000 and \$3 million), the expenses in 2002-03 was \$2.3 million and a provision of \$6 million is allocated for 2003-04. The titles, expenses and estimated expenditure of the consultancy studies under these Subheads are at Annexes 1 and 2 respectively.

Signature

Name in block letters

Post Title

Date

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Director of Planning

19 March 2003

**Annex 1 to
Question No. 0305**

**Major Consultancy Studies
under Subhead 700 - General other non-recurrent**

<u>Study</u>	<u>Expenses in 2002-03 \$'000</u>	<u>Estimated Expenditure in 2003-04 \$'000</u>
<u>Commissioned</u>		
Setting up of a 3-D Digital Model for the Main Urban Area of Hong Kong	331	-
Stage II Study on Review of Metroplan and the related Kowloon Density Study Review	750	688
Consultancy Study on Phase II of the Electronic Application Submission System and the Planning Information Management Centre	4,670	-
Study of Landscape Value Mapping of Hong Kong	1,791	2,274
Hong Kong 2030 : Planning Vision and Strategy	4,034	4,898
Study on Planning for Pedestrians	1,193	1,024
Survey on Housing Aspirations of Households 2001	2,350	-
Study on HK Residents Living in the Pearl River Delta Region	830	1,465
<u>To be commissioned</u>		
Study on Rural Planning and Land Management in the New Territories	-	1,295
Total	<u>15,949</u>	<u>11,644</u>

**Annex 2 to
Question No. 0305**

**Minor Consultancy Studies
under Subhead 838 - Minor consultancy studies (block vote)**

<u>Study</u>	<u>Expenses in 2002-03 \$'000</u>	<u>Estimated Expenditure in 2003-04 \$'000</u>
<u>Commissioned</u>		
Preparation of Urban Design Guidelines for Hong Kong	244	-
Focus Study on Aberdeen Harbour	1,047	-
Intrepretative Planning Study - Exhibits and Facilities Conceptual Design Brief for Planning and Infrastructure Exhibition	1,000	-
<u>To be commissioned</u>		
Cross-boundary Travel Survey 2003	-	2,580
Provision of Consultancy Services to Enhance and Re-structure PlanD's In-house Transport Model (T160 and CBM)	-	580
Review of Shopping Habits	-	1,750
Formulation of an Area Improvement Plan for Tsim Sha Tsui	-	1,090
Total	<u>2,291</u>	<u>6,000</u>