

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Head : 118 - Planning Department Subhead (No. & title) : 838 – Minor consultancy studies (block vote)

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

Controlling Officer : Director of Planning

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Question : The provision in 2003-04 under Subhead 838 – *Minor consultancy studies (block vote)* has tripled in amount from last year. Please set out the items and the expenses of each study.

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Kam-lam

Reply :

The expenses on minor consultancy studies for 2002-03 was \$2.3 million. The expenditure for 2003-04 is estimated to be \$6 million for four new studies, including the cross-boundary travel survey which is undertaken every two years. The titles and estimated expenditure of the four studies are appended below :

	<u>Estimated Expenditure</u> \$'000
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>6,000</u>

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