

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2004-05

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Question: In 2004-05, consultation will be conducted with stakeholders on proposed legislative proposals for resolving the problem of missing or illegible government leases. Please advise what the expenditure and manpower involved in the consultation exercise and the legislative process are. Has the Administration worked out any timetable for the legislative work?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Yuen-han

Reply:

Preparation work relating to the proposed legislation, such as consultation and the drafting of legislation, mainly involves staff costs. The manpower costs are absorbed by relevant departments within their existing resources and as part of their normal work.

We are preparing the legislative proposals and will consult the major stakeholders before finalising the proposals for introduction into the Legislative Council. The Administration intends to conduct consultation within this year. Subject to the outcome of the consultation, we hope to introduce the bill into the Legislative Council in 2005.

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