

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2004-05
**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

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Question: In 2004-05, the Administration will continue to process the Town Planning (Amendment) Bill through the Legislative Council. Please advise what the associated manpower and expenditure are. Is the expenditure on pre-legislation public consultation covered?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Yuen-han

Reply:

The Administration introduced the 2003 Town Planning (Amendment) Bill into the Legislative Council (LegCo) in May 2003. In 2004-05, the Administration will continue to work with the LegCo in processing the Amendment Bill, including consultation and discussion with the stakeholders and professional institutes on the proposed amendments before the enactment of the legislation. The work is taken up by the Planning Unit of the Bureau, using existing resources.

Signature _____

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