

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2004-05

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

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Head: 138 Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title):
Housing, Planning and Lands Bureau
(Planning and Lands Branch) 000 Operational expenses

Programme: (1) Director of Bureau's Office

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Housing, Planning and Lands
(Planning and Lands)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Housing, Planning and Lands

Question : The estimated expenditure of the Director of Bureau's Office for 2004-05 is about \$6 million. Please list the other tasks of the Office and the related expenditure after deducting the expenditure on staff salaries and allowances.

Asked by : Hon. HO Chun-yan, Albert

Reply : The financial provision of \$6 million in 2004-05 for the Director of Bureau's Office is for the salaries and allowances of the Secretary for Housing, Planning and Lands (SHPL) and staff in his office. The staff in SHPL's Office provides administrative support to SHPL in carrying out his duties. The work includes the planning, co-ordination and implementation of arrangements for the Secretary's public, media and community functions. Other operating expenses relating to his policy portfolio are provided under Programme (2) Buildings, Lands and Planning.

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