

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2004-05

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

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Programme: (2) Buildings, Lands and Planning

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Housing, Planning and Lands

Question: Regarding consultancy studies for policy making and assessment (if any) commissioned by your bureau, please provide details in the following format:

(1) Please provide the following details on the consultancy studies for which financial provision has been allocated respectively in 2003-04:

Name of consultants (if available)	Description	Consultancy Fees (\$)	Progress on consultancy Studies (planning / in progress / completed)	The Administration's follow-up action on the study reports and the progress made (if available)	Whether study reports completed are publicized; if yes, their channels and if not, the reasons.

(2) Has financial provision been allocated for commissioning consultancy studies in 2004-05? If yes, please provide the following details :

Name of consultants (if available)	Description	Consultancy Fees (\$)	Progress on consultancy studies (planning / in progress / completed)	Whether study reports scheduled for completion in 2004-05 will be publicized; if yes, their channels and if not, the reasons.

Asked by: Hon. HO Sau-lan, Cyd

Reply: Consultancy studies commissioned by the Planning and Lands Branch of the Housing, Planning and Lands Bureau and departments under its purview in respect of Policy Area 22 : Buildings, Lands and Planning are as follows-

(1) Consultancy studies for which financial provision has been allocated in 2003-04

Name of consultants (if available)	Description	Consultancy fees (cash flow in 2003-04) (\$)	Progress on consultancy studies (planning/ in progress/ completed)	The Administration's follow-up action on the study reports and the progress made (if available)	Whether reports completed are publicized; if yes, their channels and if not, the reasons.
Urbis Ltd.	Landscape Value Mapping of Hong Kong (PlanD)	\$1,461,000	In progress	N.A.	Completed Technical Reports (8 nos.) uploaded to PlanD website
Multiple consultants as listed below :	Hong Kong 2030: Planning Vision and Strategy (PlanD)	\$5,463,000			
Parsons Brinckerhoff (Asia) Ltd.	Traffic Assessment and Transport Modelling (PlanD)	Part of the Hong Kong 2030: Planning Vision and Strategy	Completed	Inputs to on-going HK2030 Study	The deliverable was enhancement of the computer model for assessment. No report was produced.
Weber Shandwick Worldwide	Publicity and public relations (PlanD)	- ditto -	In progress	- ditto -	Stage 3 Public Consultation Report and Publicity Materials disseminated to public

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GHK (HK) Ltd.	Land Forecasting Methodology (PlanD)	- ditto -	In progress	- ditto -	Technical Papers (3 nos.) uploaded to HK2030 website
Hyder-Mott Connell Joint Venture	Environmental Assessment (PlanD)	- ditto -	In progress	- ditto -	A Summary Paper on Assessment of Development Options and related Technical Reports (4 nos.) uploaded to HK2030 website
GHK (HK) Ltd.	Economic & Financial Assessment (PlanD)	-- ditto -	In progress	Inputs to on-going HK2030 Study	Technical Paper (1 no.) uploaded to HK2030 website
Hong Kong Baptist University	Broad Landuse Pattern of the Pearl River Delta (PRD) Region (PlanD)	- ditto -	Completed	- ditto -	Executive Summary uploaded to HK2030 website; Final Report made available for public inspection at PlanD enquiry counter
Multiple consultants as listed below :	Study on HK Residents Living in the Pearl River Delta Region (PlanD)	\$891,000			
Guangdong Urban Social & Economic Survey Organization	Survey of HK Residents living and working in the PRD Region (PlanD)	Part of the Study on HK Residents Living in the Pearl River Delta Region	In progress	N.A.	N.A.
ACNielsen (China) Limited	Second Thematic Household Survey – HK residents' experience of and aspiration for taking up residence in the Mainland of China (PlanD)	- ditto -	In progress	N.A.	N.A.
Townland Consultants Ltd.	Study on Planning for Pedestrians (PlanD)	\$817,000	In progress	N.A.	First Stage Public Consultation Digest and Report uploaded to PlanD website

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ACNielsen (China) Limited	Cross-boundary Travel Survey 2003/04 (PlanD)	\$2,280,000	In progress	N.A.	N.A.
Chinese University of Hong Kong	Feasibility Study for Establishment of Air Ventilation Assessment System (PlanD project funded by TDD)	\$150,000	In progress	N.A.	Working Paper (1 no.) and Workshop Report (1 no.) uploaded to PlanD website.
Not yet available	Study on Rural Planning and Land Management in the New Territories (Phase Two) (PlanD)	--	Under planning	N.A.	N.A.
Not yet available	Review on Shopping Habits (PlanD)	--	Under planning	N.A.	N.A.
Ove Arup & Partners Hong Kong Ltd.	Consultancy to review the code of practice for fire safety in buildings and renovation works (BD)	\$5,605,000	In progress	N.A.	N.A.
Anthony Ng Architects Ltd.	Consultancy to review Building Regulations on lighting and ventilation of buildings (BD)	\$1,197,000	In progress	N.A.	N.A.
Hyder Consulting Ltd.	Consultancy to review Building Regulations on drainage of buildings (BD)	\$1,431,000	in progress	N.A.	N.A.
Ove Arup & Partners Hong Kong Ltd.	Consultancy on the seismic effects on buildings in Hong Kong (BD)	\$4,392,000	In progress	N.A.	N.A.
Ove Arup & Partners Hong Kong Ltd.	Consultancy on a comprehensive environmental performance assessment scheme for buildings (BD)	\$3,135,000	In progress	N.A.	N.A.

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Samson Wong & Associates Property Consultancy Limited	Consultancy to draft a design manual on barrier free access and facilities for persons with a disability and the elderly (BD)	\$2,700,000	In progress	N.A.	N.A.
Ove Arup & Partners Hong Kong Ltd/PolyU Technology & Consultancy Co. Ltd.	Consultancy to draft a limit-state code for structural use of steel in Hong Kong (BD)	\$1,760,000	In progress	N.A.	N.A.

(2) Consultancy studies for which financial provision has been allocated in 2004-05

Name of consultants (if available)	Description of	Consultancy fees (cash flow in 2004-05) (\$)	Progress on consultancy studies (planning/ in progress/ completed)	Whether study reports scheduled for completion in 2004-05 will be publicized; if yes, their channels and if not, the reasons.
Urbis Ltd.	Landscape Value Mapping of Hong Kong (PlanD)	\$1,105,000	To be completed in 2004-05	Yes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • uploading of Final Report to PlanD website • publication of consultation materials • briefings to statutory and advisory bodies • public forum • focus group meetings
Multiple consultants as listed below :	Hong Kong 2030: Planning Vision and Strategy (PlanD)	\$3,956,000		
Weber Shandwick Worldwide	Publicity and public relations (PlanD)	Part of the Hong Kong 2030: Planning Vision and Strategy	To be completed in 2004-05	Stage 4 (final stage) public consultation planned for end 2004/early 2005
GHK (HK) Ltd.	Land Forecasting Methodology (PlanD)	- ditto -	To be completed in 2004-05	Technical Paper to be uploaded to HK2030 website

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Hyder-Mott Connell Joint Venture	Environmental Assessment (PlanD)	- ditto -	To be completed in 2004-05	Final Report to be uploaded to HK2030 website
GHK (HK) Ltd. Parsons	Economic & Financial Assessment (PlanD)	- ditto -	To be completed in 2004-05	Technical Paper to be uploaded to HK2030 website
Multiple consultants as listed below :	Study on HK Residents Living in the Pearl River Delta Region (PlanD)	\$4,277,000		
Guangdong Urban Social & Economic Survey Organization	Survey of HK Residents living and working in the PRD Region (PlanD)	Part of the Study on HK Residents Living in the Pearl River Delta Region	To be completed in 2004-05	Report to be uploaded to PlanD and HK2030 websites
ACNielsen (China) Limited	Second Thematic Household Survey – HK residents' experience of and aspiration for taking up residence in the Mainland of China (PlanD)	- ditto -	To be completed in 2004-05	Report to be uploaded to PlanD and HK2030 websites
Townland Consultants Ltd.	Study on Planning for Pedestrians (PlanD)	\$1,041,000	To be completed in 2004-05	Yes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● uploading of Final Report to PlanD website ● publication of consultation materials ● briefings to statutory and advisory bodies ● public forum ● focus group meetings
ACNielsen (China) Limited	Cross-boundary Travel Survey 2003/04 (PlanD)	\$1,310,000	To be completed in 2004-05	Final Report to be uploaded to PlanD website
Not yet available	Survey on Occupancy of Recently Completed Housing Units (PlanD)	\$1,066,000	To be completed in 2004-05	- ditto -

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Not yet available	Commercial and Industrial Floor Space Utilization Survey (PlanD)	\$1,990,000	To be completed in 2004-05	- ditto -
Chinese University of Hong Kong	Feasibility Study for Establishment of Air Ventilation Assessment System (PlanD project funded by TDD)	\$850,000	To be completed in 2004-05	Working Papers and Final Report would be uploaded to PlanD website.
Not yet available	Study on Rural Planning and Land Management in the New Territories (Phase Two) (PlanD)	\$945,000	To depend on outcome of Phase One which is in progress	N.A.
Not yet available	Review on Shopping Habits (PlanD)	\$2,050,000	Under planning	N.A.
Ove Arup & Partners Hong Kong Ltd.	Consultancy to review the code of practice for fire safety in buildings and renovation works (BD)	\$475,000	In progress	Study to be continued in 05/06 The draft code of practice will be distributed to the building industry for consultation.
Anthony Ng Architects Ltd.	Consultancy to review Building Regulations on lighting and ventilation of buildings (BD)	\$307,000	In progress	The recommendation of the study report will be distributed to the building industry for consultation
Hyder Consulting Ltd.	Consultancy to review Building Regulations on drainage of buildings (BD)	\$489,000	In progress	The recommendation of the study report will be distributed to the building industry for consultation
Ove Arup & Partners Hong Kong Ltd.	Consultancy on the seismic effects on buildings in Hong Kong (BD)	\$120,000	In progress	The recommendation of the study report will be distributed to the building industry for consultation

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Ove Arup & Partners Hong Kong Ltd.	Consultancy on a comprehensive environmental performance assessment scheme for buildings (BD)	\$2,047,000	In progress	The draft scheme will be distributed to the building industry for consultation
Samson Wong & Associates Property Consultancy Limited	Consultancy to draft a design manual on barrier free access and facilities for persons with a disability and the elderly (BD)	\$1,800,000	In progress	The recommendation of the study report and the draft design manual will be distributed to the building industry for consultation
Ove Arup & Partners Hong Kong Ltd/ PolyU Technology & Consultancy Co. Ltd.	Consultancy to draft a limit-state code for structural use of steel in Hong Kong (BD)	\$1,440,000	In progress	The recommendation of the study report and the draft code will be distributed to the building industry for consultation

*PlanD : Planning Department
BD : Buildings Department

The projects are undertaken and funded by the respective departments unless otherwise stated.

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