

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2004-05

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Question: The Housing, Planning and Lands Bureau will consult various stakeholders with a view to making preliminary proposals on small house policy for further in-depth discussion in the coming year. Will the consultation be completed within a year? Will the Administration set up a task force to deal with the work and what will be the establishment as well as the estimated expenditure for the coming year?

Asked by: Hon. LAU Wong-fat

Reply:

The issues involved in the Small House Policy review are complex. They include, inter alia, optimal use of land resources, infrastructural and environmental matters associated with small house developments and sex equality. There is a need to review the Policy and the related issues in a comprehensive manner. We will ensure that sufficient time is given to the stakeholders to deliberate on the relevant issues. As such, we do not intend to set a rigid time frame for the consultation process. The relevant work will be carried out by the existing staff of this bureau and our departments. Hence, additional resources are not required.

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