

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2004-05

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Question: Under this Programme, one of the tasks for 2004-05 is to “maintain close liaison with the Guangdong authorities on planning matters”. Please list the planning projects that will be conducted and expected to be conducted in 2004-05, as well as the expenditure incurred and the implementation programme. If details are not available, please state the reason.

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG LAU Yau-fun, Sophie

Reply: In 2004-05, we will continue to maintain close liaison with the Guangdong authorities on planning matters under the auspices of the Hong Kong/Guangdong Cooperation Joint Conference. In particular, we will continue to exchange information with the Guangdong authorities on matters concerning medium- and long-term planning of the Pearl River Delta (PRD) region at large and various individual cities therein.

We are conducting a survey on “HK residents living and working in the PRD region”, in cooperation with the Guangdong Provincial Department of Construction, with an approved commitment of \$5.56 million. This is expected to complete within this year. The expenditure of the survey is charged to the Planning Department under Subhead 700. We have no other planning projects in hand or in the pipeline for the time being.

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