

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2004-05
**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Question : The Housing, Planning and Lands Bureau is responsible for monitoring the property market conditions and arrange the sale of land through the Application List system. What will be done to monitor the property market conditions effectively? Has consultancy or external services been commissioned for assistance on a regular basis? What is the expenditure involved?

Asked by : Hon. TIEN Pei-chun, James

Reply : The Housing, Planning and Lands Bureau has devised a comprehensive monitoring system and a database relating to the private housing market. The database, updated regularly, is built up from information and analyses provided by the relevant government departments on aspects falling within their purview. For this reason, the Administration does not require to commission external consultancies or services to obtain the relevant information.

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