

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2004-05  
**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

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Question :

As stated under this Programme, the Buildings Department will extend the electronic Building Records Management System to cover all districts in the territory during 2004-05. In this respect, can the Administration advise this Council:

- (1) the details of this project; and
- (2) the respective number of establishment and the costs involved in this project?

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply :

- (1) In 2004-05, we will commission a project to extend the electronic Building Records Management System (BRMS) to cover all districts in the territory. The project will digitize all the building plans and related documents kept by the Buildings Department (BD), and store the electronic images in the BRMS. The BRMS can greatly improve the efficiency of record retrieval and enquiry processes by enabling instant access to building records by members of the public via workstations in BD's Building Information Centre.
- (2) The funding for the project approved by the Finance Committee in July 2003 is \$50.3 million which comprises \$37.8 million for data conversion and \$12.5 million for the purchase of computer hardware and software, implementation services, site preparation and project administration. The digitization of the building records will be outsourced to a service provider. The estimated recurrent expenditure for maintaining and operating the system is \$3.2 million per annum. This expenditure will be absorbed by BD within the existing resources.

The manpower involved in overseeing and administering the project will be one professional staff, supported by seven clerical staff and six to seven IT staff.

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