

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2004-05
**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Head : 82 Buildings Department

Subhead (No. & title) : 700 General non-recurrent

Programme : Buildings and Building Works

Controlling Officer : Director of Buildings

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Housing, Planning and Lands

Question :

Currently, how many consultants have been employed by Buildings Department (including those items listed under "General non-recurrent")? Please list out the expenses involved in each consultancy study and the name of the Consultants employed. Does the Administration have plans to consider furthering the co-operation with tertiary institutes over consultancy studies on Buildings instead of employing private consultants?

Asked by : Hon. HO Chun-yan, Albert

Reply :

Information about the consultancy studies being carried out by Buildings Department's consultants is provided below:-

Name of Consultant	Description of Consultancy Study	Consultancy fee (\$)
Ove Arup & Partners Hong Kong Ltd.	Consultancy to review the code of practice for fire safety in buildings and renovation works	9,500,000
Anthony Ng Architects Ltd.	Consultancy to review Building Regulations on lighting and ventilation of buildings	5,983,800
Hyder Consulting Ltd.	Consultancy to review Building Regulations on drainage of buildings	1,488,000
Ove Arup & Partners Hong Kong Ltd.	Consultancy on the seismic effects on buildings in Hong Kong	4,879,708

Name of Consultant	Description of Consultancy Study	Consultancy fee (\$)
Ove Arup & Partners Hong Kong Ltd.	Consultancy on a comprehensive environmental performance assessment scheme for buildings	4,182,000
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	2,460,000
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	3,200,000
Samson Wong & Associates Property Consultancy Limited	Consultancy for water seepage and drain leakage investigation	2,417,015

We have been working with tertiary education institutions on some studies, for example, working with the Hong Kong Polytechnic University in preparing the code of practice for structural use of steel, and the Chinese University of Hong Kong (as a sub-consultant to Anthony Ng Architects Ltd.) on the lighting and ventilation study. We will continue to explore opportunities for co-operation with the tertiary education institutions where appropriate.

Signature	_____
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