

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2004-05

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

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Head: 91 Lands Department

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Question: Lands Department's expenditure in respect of hire of services and professional fees in 2004-05 will be higher than that of last financial year, what are the reasons and details?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Yuen-han

Reply:

The increase in expenditure on hire of services and professional fees in 2004-05 is mainly due to the professional consultancy services required for :

- (a) the land valuation work involved in the essential public infrastructure works for Ma On Shan to Tai Wai Rail Link, East Rail Extension to Tsim Sha Tsui and Sheung Shui to Lok Ma Chau Spur Line;
- (b) system architecture design for the consolidation of the different Geo-spatial Information Databases of the Survey and Mapping Office (SMO) into the Enterprise Geo-spatial Database for streamlining the processes of plan production, database updating and information dissemination; and
- (c) enhancement of SMO's Customer Profile and Sales Database System for improvement of customer services.

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