

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

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Head: 91 Lands Department                      Subhead(No. & title): -

Programme:                      (2) Survey and Mapping

Controlling Officer:      Director of Lands

Director of Bureau:      Secretary for Housing, Planning and Lands

Question: Under this programme, the Lands Department will continue to develop and implement the Office Automation System to improve information dissemination and internal communication during 2004-05. Would the Administration please advise:

- (1) The details of this item; and
- (2) The expenditure involved in the implementation of this item?

Asked by: Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply:

(1) Details of the Office Automation System

The Office Automation System (OAS) is a computer network for connecting all offices and sections of the Survey and Mapping Office (SMO) situated in 16 locations in Hong Kong. The planning and design work of the OAS commenced in May 2003. It is anticipated that the project will be completed in June 2004. The OAS will also link up with similar systems in other offices of Lands Department. Through this system, the 600 end users of SMO will be able to communicate and exchange information efficiently amongst themselves and with other staff in the Department. Staff, at senior technician rank and above, can also gain access to the internet and communicate with parties outside the Department by email.

(2) The expenditure

The expenditure involved in the implementation of this item is \$8.044 million, details as follows:

	<u>\$ Million</u>
(a) System planning, design and implementation	1.000
(b) Site preparation	1.810
(c) Hardware, software, network equipment and installation services	<u>5.234</u>
Total :	<u>8.044</u>

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