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Question: Regarding the various maps sold by Lands Department, what were the average cost and selling price in 2003-04? Will there be any change in the cost in the 2004-05 estimates?

Asked by: Hon. HO Chun-yan, Albert

Reply:

The full cost recovery principle is used in setting the selling prices of maps. Therefore, the selling prices of maps basically reflect their costs.

In 2003-04, there were 23 series of paper maps. The selling price for each series ranged from \$10 to \$100, with the average price being \$46. For digital maps, the selling price for each of the six series ranged from \$190 to \$535, with the average price being \$308. The costs of maps change every year due to changes in staff salaries, material and production costs arising from new technology or streamlined procedures. Following the aforementioned costing principle, there will be changes in the costs of individual map series in 2004-05.

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