

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: The total number of government sites cleared and guarded is 3 500. What was the amount of management expenses paid by the Government in 2003-04? What is the estimated amount of management expenses to be paid in 2004-05? Will the sites concerned be made available for auction or included in the Application List?

Asked by: Hon. HO Chun-yan, Albert

Reply:

The amount of management expenses paid in 2003-04 was about \$18 million while the estimated amount for 2004-05 is \$20 million. Of the sites concerned, nine are included in the current Application List.

Signature _____

Name in block letters _____ PATRICK L C LAU _____

Post Title _____ Director of Lands _____

Date _____ 25 March 2004 _____