

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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Programme: (1) Land Administration

Controlling Officer: Director of Lands

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Question: Lands Department will acquire 4.97 hectares of land for Rural Planning and Improvement Strategy/Village Improvement in 2004, more than the area of land acquired for such purpose in the past two years in which less than 3 hectares were acquired each year. What kind of works will the acquired land be mainly used for, and what is the estimated sum to be paid by the Government in this aspect?

Asked by: Hon. LAU Wong-fat

Reply:

The acquired land will be mainly used for the construction of access roads and the implementation of drainage improvement works in the New Territories. The estimated land acquisition and clearance costs of the projects are about \$84 million.

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