

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Head : 118 - Planning Department Subhead (No. & title) : 700 – General non-recurrent
838 – Minor consultancy studies
(block vote)

Programme : (1) – Territorial and Sub-regional Planning
(5) – Technical Services

Controlling Officer : Director of Planning

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Housing, Planning and Lands

Question : (1) In relation to entrusting studies and reviews on planning issues to consultants,

- (a) for those consultancy studies that were already allocated provision in 2003-04, please provide information about name of consultant, objectives, consultant's fee, progress of study and Planning Department's follow-up action; and
- (b) for those consultancy studies that are covered by the 2004-05 estimated expenditure, please provide information about objectives of study and consultant's fee.

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Yuen-han

Reply : The requested information is provided at Annexes A and B respectively.

Signature	_____
Name in block letters	B C K FUNG
Post Title	Director of Planning
Date	24 March 2004

(a) Consultancy studies for which financial provision has been allocated in 2003-04

Name of Study	Name of consultants (if available)	Provision for Consultancy (\$)	Objective, Progress and Follow-up action	
Landscape Value Mapping of Hong Kong	Urbis Ltd.	HK\$1,641,000	To establish the baseline conditions of landscape resources of Hong Kong. Study in progress. So far, eight Technical Reports were completed and uploaded to PlanD's website; stage one public consultation was also undertaken.	
Hong Kong 2030: Planning Vision and Strategy		HK\$5,463,000	To formulate a landuse-transport-environmental planning framework to guide the physical development in Hong Kong in the next 30 years. Study in progress; stage 3 public consultation was launched in November 2003; Study to complete in end 2004/early 2005	
Traffic Assessment and Transport Modelling	Parsons Brinckerhoff (Asia) Ltd.		Inputs to on-going HK2030 Study	Working Paper on Initial Transport Assessment of Development Options uploaded to HK2030 website
Publicity and Public Relations	Weber Shandwick Worldwide		- ditto -	Stage 3 Public Consultation Report and Publicity Materials were disseminated to public
Land Forecasting Methodology	GHK (HK) Ltd.		- ditto -	Three Technical Papers were uploaded to HK2030 website
Environmental Assessment	Hyder-Mott Connell Joint Venture		- ditto -	A Summary Paper on Assessment of Development Options and four related Technical Reports were uploaded to HK2030 website
Economic & Financial Assessment	GHK (HK) Ltd. Parsons		- ditto -	One Technical Paper was uploaded to HK2030 website
Broad Landuse Pattern of the PRD Region	Hong Kong Baptist University		- ditto -	Executive Summary was uploaded to HK2030 website; Final Report was made available for public inspection at PlanD's Enquiry Counter

Name of Study	Name of consultants (if available)	Provision for Consultancy (\$)	Objective, Progress and Follow-up action
Study on Planning for Pedestrians	Townland Consultants Ltd.	HK\$817,000	To formulate a planning framework covering the principles, concepts, guidelines and standards for pedestrian planning and to prepare Pedestrian Plans for Causeway Bay, Central, Kwun Tong and Tai Po Market to test the application of the planning framework. Study in progress; to complete in late 2004. The first Stage Public Consultation Digest and Report uploaded to PlanD's website.
Study on HK Residents Living in the Pearl River Delta Region Survey of HK Residents living and working in the PRD Region Second Thematic Household Survey – HK residents' experience of and aspiration for taking up residence in the Mainland of China	Guangdong Urban Social & Economic Survey Organization ACNielsen (China) Limited	HK\$891,000	To better understand the characteristics and aspirations of HK residents both living in Hong Kong and living and working in the PRD to enable planning work with a cross-boundary dimension. Study in progress; findings to be uploaded to PlanD's website Study in progress; findings to be uploaded to PlanD's website
Cross-boundary Travel Survey 2003/04	ACNielsen (China) Limited	HK\$2,280,000	A biannual exercise to gauge cross-boundary movement characteristics. Survey work completed; analysis being conducted; to complete in June 2004. Results to be uploaded to PlanD's website
Study on Rural Planning and Land Management in the New Territories (Phase Two)	Not yet available	-	To confirm the feasibility and assess the effectiveness of the rural environmental improvement measures and implementation framework proposed in the Phase One Study. Launching of the Study to depend on acceptance of the proposed measures under the Phase One Study. Study under planning.
Review on Shopping Habits	Not yet available	-	To comprehensively review the shopping habits/shoppers' expenditure patterns; assess their implications on the provision of retail facilities and review the current planning standards and guidelines on retail facilities. Study under planning

(b) Consultancy studies for which financial provision has been allocated in 2004-05

Study Name and Objective	Name of consultants	Provision for Consultancy (\$)
Landscape Value Mapping of Hong Kong Study Objective – per Annex A	Urbis Ltd.	HK\$1,105,000
Hong Kong 2030: Planning Vision and Strategy Study Objective – per Annex A Publicity and Public Relations Land Forecasting Methodology Environmental Assessment Economic & Financial Assessment	Weber Shandwick Worldwide GHK (HK) Ltd. Hyder-Mott Connell Joint Venture GHK (HK) Ltd. Parsons	HK\$3,956,000
Study on Planning for Pedestrians Study Objective – per Annex A	Townland Consultants Ltd.	HK\$1,041,000
Study on HK Residents Living in the Pearl River Delta Region Study Objective – per Annex A Survey of HK Residents living and working in the PRD Region Second Thematic Household Survey – HK residents' experience of and aspiration for taking up residence in the Mainland of China	Guangdong Urban Social & Economic Survey Organization ACNielsen (China) Limited	HK\$4,277,000
Cross-boundary Travel Survey 2003/04 Study Objective – per Annex A	ACNielsen (China) Limited	HK\$1,310,000
Study on Rural Planning and Land Management in the New Territories (Phase Two) Study Objective – per Annex A	Not yet available	HK\$945,000
Review on Shopping Habits Study Objective – per Annex A	Not yet available	HK\$2,050,000

Study Name and Objective	Name of consultants	Provision for Consultancy (\$)
<p data-bbox="188 203 858 271">Survey on Occupancy of Recently Completed Housing Units</p> <p data-bbox="188 322 858 454">Objective - To collect data on the degree of occupancy and characteristics of occupants for use in population distribution estimates and other strategic planning activities.</p>	<p data-bbox="863 203 1126 237">Not yet available</p>	<p data-bbox="1131 203 1396 237">HK\$1,066,000</p>
<p data-bbox="188 495 858 562">Commercial and Industrial Floor Space Utilization Survey</p> <p data-bbox="188 613 858 745">Objective - To survey the utilization of commercial and industrial floor space to update the parameters for estimating commercial and industrial floor space requirements and distribution of jobs.</p>	<p data-bbox="863 495 1126 528">Not yet available</p>	<p data-bbox="1131 495 1396 528">HK\$1,990,000</p>