

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
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Controlling Officer : Director of Planning

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Housing, Planning and Lands

Question : Please advise what work, staffing arrangement and expenditure are involved in urban renewal on the part of the Planning Department?

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Yuen-han

Reply : The responsibilities of the Planning Department in urban renewal matters include assisting the Housing, Planning and Lands Bureau (HPLB) in processing the Urban Renewal Authority (URA)'s draft Corporate Plans and Business Plans for approval by the Financial Secretary, processing development proposals including development schemes and projects of the URA, liaising with the URA and other redevelopment agencies on urban renewal matters, setting up a central database on the condition of buildings related to urban renewal, and undertaking preparatory work for the Urban Renewal Strategy Review.

The current Urban Renewal Team comprises 12 professional staff (including one Assistant Director who renders overall supervision) and 17 technical and other support staff. Total annual staff cost is about \$14.8 million.

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Director of Planning

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