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Question : Please provide a detailed account of the consultation work to be undertaken by the Planning Department in 2004-05 on the Stage-two amendments to the Town Planning Ordinance, and what will be the amounts of relevant expenditures involved?

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Yuen-han

Reply : While the Town Planning (Amendment) Bill 2003 covering the Stage One amendments is being examined by the Bills Committee, the Administration has already started a review of the proposals to be included in the Stage Two amendments. To expedite the discussion on the issues to be addressed in the Stage Two amendments, a paper [CB(1)813/03-04(10)] was submitted to the LegCo Panel on Planning, Lands and Works on 27 January 2004 setting out the issues involved. Upon passage of the 2003 Amendment Bill, the Administration will work out the details of the proposed Stage Two amendments and conduct consultation with the various stakeholders and the public.

The expenses incurred in the consultation work would mainly be staff cost. As the consultation would be conducted by an existing team of officers charged with the task of ordinance review, no additional expenses would be involved.

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