

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2005-06
**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

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Question :

Please provide a breakdown of the staff establishment and actual expenditure involved in coordinating the assessment work as set out in the Invitation for Proposals for the West Kowloon Cultural District.

Asked by : Hon. KWOK Ka-ki

Reply :

We have established a dedicated team in the Planning and Lands Branch to oversee and coordinate the work relating to the development of the West Kowloon Cultural District (WKCD). Apart from servicing and providing the full range of secretariat support to the Steering Committee for Development of the West Kowloon Cultural District, we are also responsible for leading and co-ordinating the inter-bureaux/departments' assessment of the screened-in proposals as stipulated in the Invitation for Proposals (IFP).

The staffing level of the team varies according to the programme of work at a particular period of time. At present, this team has seven staff members on Housing, Planning and Lands Bureau's establishment. Depending on the expertise required, some other staff members are loaned from other bureaux/departments on a short-term basis or hired on a contract basis. We have reserved \$10.1 million as staffing expenditure for 2005-06 to cater for the staffing requirement in the performance of various duties at different stages of the IFP process.

The assessment work is being conducted and supported by various bureaux/departments with staff deployed from their existing establishment as part of their normal duties. Breakdown of expenditure is therefore impractical.

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