

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2005-06

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
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Question : It is part of the Planning Department's work to assist the Housing, Planning and Lands Bureau to review the Urban Renewal Strategy and to vet planning work for urban renewal. Efforts were also made by the Planning Department in setting up a central database on buildings related to urban renewal. Would the Government explain what are the specific contents of the central database on buildings related to urban renewal? What is the annual expenditure for setting up and operating the database?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Hok-ming

Reply :

The Building Dilapidation and Rehabilitation Information System is a Geographic Information System set up in the Planning Department to provide a centralized repository of building and urban renewal related data in respect of private buildings in the Metro Area.

The system contains information on building age, building height, general building conditions, and whether the buildings have outstanding statutory orders under the Buildings Ordinance or owners' committee/management body, whether the buildings fall under the Fire Services Department's fire safety improvement programme for pre-1987 composite buildings and information on heritage buildings. By incorporating all these data, the system provides comprehensive information and convenient access for assessing urban renewal needs and opportunities. It also helps to facilitate the implementation and review of the Urban Renewal Strategy and the refinement of project boundaries.

The Department is responsible for the upkeeping and daily administration of the system. The annual recurrent cost relating to the maintenance of hardware, software and on-going support services is about \$600,000.

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