

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Head : 138 Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title) :
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Programme : (2) Buildings, Lands and Planning

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Housing, Planning and Lands
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Question : Under Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2006-07, the Government states that it would "consult various stakeholders with a view to making preliminary proposals on Small House Policy for further in-depth discussion". Please inform us:

- (a) of the direction and contents of the consultation;
- (b) of the estimated amount of money involved;
- (c) as to how the consultation would be launched and who would be consulted; and
- (d) whether the consultation implies that the Government would make significant changes to the policy.

Asked by : Hon. LAM Wai-keung, Daniel

Reply :

The inter-departmental Steering Committee set up to conduct the review of the Small House Policy is still in the process of studying the various issues involved and has yet to formulate detailed proposals. As such, we are not yet in a position to advise whether significant changes to the Policy will be proposed, and the expenditure that will be involved. As and when detailed proposals have been drawn up, we will consult and seek views from the Legislative Council, the Heung Yee Kuk and the community.

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Date _____

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