

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2006-07  
**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

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Question : Regarding the consultancy study to draft a Design Manual on Barrier Free Access and Facilities for Persons with a Disability and the Elderly, the revised estimated expenditure for 2005-06 is \$62,000, which is less than a half of the accumulated expenditure and the expenditure to be used . What are the reasons for it? Is that because the progress of the above consultancy study is slower than expected?

Asked by : Hon. MA Lik

Reply :

The contract sum for the consultancy study to draft a Design Manual on Barrier Free Access and Facilities for Persons with a Disability and the Elderly is \$2,460,000 (All figures in this reply have been rounded off to the nearest thousand). As at 28 February 2006, 90% of the consultancy work has been completed and the total payment to the consultant has accumulated to \$2,215,000. Out of the remaining \$2,285,000, \$246,000 (about 10% of the contract sum) is earmarked for the production of Supplementary Report and finalisation of the revised Design Manual. The balance is reserved for any additional services from the consultant or contingency work which may be required after the public consultation on the draft revised Design Manual.

The consultancy study has taken a longer time than expected as diverse views and competing needs have been expressed by different stakeholders and the consultant has therefore spent more time on the consultation with the relevant parties in order to come up with balanced views and requirements for the drafting of the revised Design Manual.

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