

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

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Head: 710 Computerisation

Subhead (No. & title): A041XF Replacement of
Computerised Land
Information System

Programme:

Controlling Officer: Director of Lands

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Housing, Planning and Lands

Question: Under Subhead A041XF, the approved project estimate for the Lands Department to replace the Computerised Land Information System is \$42.841 million. However, the revised estimate for 2006-07 would be \$205,000 only, leaving \$42.636 million unspent. Also, in the 2007-08 estimate, only \$10 million is planned to be used. Why is the progress of the system replacement so slow? Can it be speeded up to meet the demand for electronic information and improve the current situation of inadequate land information?

Asked by: Hon. LAU Sau-shing, Patrick

Reply:

The Lands Department (Lands D) has completed the final draft of the tender document for acquiring the equipment and hiring the implementation services.

During the course of preparing the tender document in March 2006, Lands D had to incorporate the new government initiative to vest the ownership of the intellectual properties created in new information technology systems to the successful tenderer that develops the system. In this connection, Lands D has spent additional time mainly on incorporating the new terms and conditions into the tender document and sort out the legal implications.

To catch up with the programme as far as practicable, Lands D has reviewed the critical project milestones and taken positive actions to carry out pre-tender preparation works. Once the contract is awarded, Lands D will work closely with the contractor to ensure that the project will progress on schedule.

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