

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2003-04

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

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Head: 62 Housing Department  
82 Building Department  
91 Lands Department  
162 Rating and Valuation Department

Subhead(No. & title):

Programme: -

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Housing, Planning and Lands (Housing)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Housing, Planning and Lands

Question : Regarding consultancy studies for policy making and assessment (if any) commissioned by the above bureau and departments, please provide details in the following format:

- (1) Please provide the following details on the consultancy studies for which financial provision has been allocated respectively in 2001-02 and 2002-03:

Name of consultants (if available)	Description	Consultancy fees	Progress on consultancy studies (planning/ in progress / completed)	The Administration's follow-up action on the study reports and the progress made	Reasons for no follow-up action on the study reports and whether other measures are available to deal with the subjects under study

- (2) Please provide the following details on the consultancy studies for which financial provision has not been allocated respectively in 2001-02 and 2002-03, though consultancy studies have been made during the year:

Name of consultants (if available)	Description	Consultancy fees	Progress on consultancy studies (planning / in progress / completed)	The Administration's follow-up action on the study reports and the progress made	Reasons for no follow-up action on the study reports and whether other measures are available to deal with the subjects under study

- (3) Has financial provision been allocated for commissioning consultancy studies in 2003-04 ?  
If yes, please provide the following details:

Name of consultants (if available)	Description	Consultancy fees	Status of consultancy studies (planning/ in progress / completed)

Asked by: Hon. HO Sau-lan, Cyd

Reply : My reply to the three-part question is as follows-

- (1) For the Housing, Planning and Lands Bureau and departments under its purview in respect of policy area 31: Housing, there is one consultancy study under the Planning Department with financial provision allocated in 2001-02 and 2002-03:

**2001-02**

<b>Name of consultants</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Consultancy fees</b>	<b>Progress on consultancy studies</b>	<b>The Administration's follow-up action on the study reports and the progress made</b>	<b>Reasons for no follow-up action on the study reports and whether other measures are available to deal with the subjects under study</b>
MDR Technology Ltd.	Survey of Housing Aspirations of Households 2002	nil	Completed	Findings will be taken into account in assessment of housing demand.	-

**2002-03**

<b>Name of consultants</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Consultancy fees</b>	<b>Progress on consultancy studies</b>	<b>The Administration's follow-up action on the study reports and the progress made</b>	<b>Reasons for no follow-up action on the study reports and whether other measures are available to deal with the subjects under study</b>
MDR Technology Ltd.	Survey of Housing Aspirations of Households 2002	\$2,480,000	Completed	Findings will be taken into account in assessment of housing demand.	-

- (2) No consultancy study was conducted in 2001-02 and 2002-03 for which financial provision has not been allocated.
- (3) No financial provision has been allocated for commissioning consultancy studies in 2003-04.

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Planning and Lands (Housing)

Date 22 March 2003