

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Head : 62 Housing Department Subhead :

Programme : Squatter Clearance and Squatter Control

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

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Housing, Planning and Lands

Question : It is stated in this programme that the Housing Department will support the Drainage Services Department in flood hazard studies in squatter areas in 2004-05. In this regard, please advise this Council of the following:

- (1) the details of the task; and
- (2) the staffing establishment and expenditures involved in the task and, the percentage of this establishment in the existing manpower setup.

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

- Reply :
- (1) The Drainage Services Department will conduct a flood hazard study for the purpose of investigating, assessing and mitigating flood hazards in the squatter areas in 2004-05. In support of the study, the Housing Department will conduct site inspections and surveys to ascertain the actual number of squatter structures and population involved and verify the accuracy of location maps and drawings. The Housing Department will also assist in setting up a database for updating information on squatter areas.
 - (2) The additional workload arising from compilation of squatter information will be absorbed within the existing staff establishment and budget provision of the Housing Department.

Signature _____

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