

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2008-09  
**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
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Head : 82 Buildings Department

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Programme: Buildings and Building Works

Controlling Officer: Director of Buildings

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Question :

Regarding the studies (including in-house studies or those entrusted to consultants) conducted by the Buildings Department for the purposes of formulating and assessing policies, please provide the relevant information in the following format:

- (1) For the projects that have reserved funds for conducting consultancy studies in 2007-08, please provide information in the following format:

Name of Consultant (if any)	Content	Revised Estimate (\$)	Progress of Studies (under planning / in progress / completed)	The follow-ups taken by the Administration on the study reports and their progress (if any)	If completed, have they been released to the public? If yes, through which channels? If no, what are the reasons?

- (2) Is there any project that will reserve funds for conducting consultancy study in 2008-09? If yes, please provide the following information:

Name of Consultant (if any)	Content	Expenditure (\$)	Progress of Studies (under planning / in progress / completed)	Will the studies be released to the public if they are expected to be completed in the 2008-09 financial year? If yes, through which channels? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by : Hon. EU Yuet-mee, Audrey

Reply :

(1) The projects that had reserved funds for conducting consultancy studies in 2007-08 include the following:

Name of Consultant	Content	Revised Estimate (\$)	Progress of Studies (under planning / in progress/ completed)	The follow-ups taken by the Administration on the study reports and their progress (if any)	If completed, have they been released to the public? If yes, through which channels? If no, what are the reasons?
Samson Wong & Associates Property Consultancy Ltd	To revise the Design Manual Barrier Free Access 1997 for persons with a disability and the elderly	400,000	Completed	Preparation for the proposed legislative amendments to the building regulations to incorporate the revised obligatory design requirements is underway. The Administration intends to table the amendment legislation in the Legislative Council (LegCo) within the current legislative session.	The Labour and Welfare Bureau and the Buildings Department (BD) have conducted public consultation on the revised Design Manual and have also consulted the LegCo Panel on Welfare Services.
Ove Arup & Partners HK Ltd.	To review the Code of Practice for Fire Safety in buildings and renovation works	390,000	In progress	The BD will continue to supervise the review.	Not applicable (The study is still in progress.)

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Ronald Lu & Partners (Hong Kong ) Ltd.	To study building design that supports sustainable urban living space in Hong Kong	65,000	In progress	The BD will continue to supervise the study.	Not applicable (The study is still in progress.)

(2) The projects that will reserve funds for conducting consultancy studies in 2008-09 include the following:

Name of Consultant	Content	Expenditure (\$)	Progress of Studies (under planning / in progress / completed)	Will the studies be released to the public if they are expected to be completed in the 2008-09 financial year? If yes, through which channels? If no, what are the reasons?
Ove Arup & Partners HK Ltd.	To review the Code of Practice for Fire Safety in buildings and renovation works	around \$1 million	In progress	Not applicable (The study is still in progress.)
Ronald Lu & Partners (Hong Kong) Ltd.	To study building design that supports sustainable urban living space in Hong Kong	195,000	In progress	The BD will consult the stakeholders upon completion of the study.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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Post Title \_\_\_\_\_ Director of Buildings \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ 31 March 2008 \_\_\_\_\_