

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2010-11

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Question :

- (a) The Buildings Department (BD) launched the Building Records Access and Viewing On-line (BRAVO) system in early September 2009. What was the expenditure for setting up the system?
- (b) What are the manpower and funding required for the BRAVO system as estimated by the BD in 2010-11?
- (c) How many users have employed this service since the commencement of operation of the system by the BD?

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Reply :

- (a) The Building Records Access and Viewing On-line (BRAVO) system is an upgrade of an internal computer system of the Buildings Department (BD). The upgraded system can provide services of accessing and viewing records of existing private buildings via the Internet. The cost of upgrading the internal system is \$8.5 million.
- (b) The estimated cost for the operation and maintenance of the BRAVO system in 2010-11 is \$0.85 million. The operation of the BRAVO system and the associated service are handled by staff of the Building Information Centre of the BD as part of their overall duties in dealing with a full range of work in relation to the management of all types of building information and records and the provision of viewing and copying service of the same to the public. It is not possible to provide a breakdown of the manpower solely for the operation of the BRAVO system.

(c) Up to 28 February 2010, there had been 1 831 registered users for the BRAVO system.

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