

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2010-11

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Question :

Regarding the Building Records Access and Viewing On-line system, please advise on the average number of users and the average number of pages browsed each month? Has a review been conducted on the effectiveness of the system? If so, what are the details? If not, what are the reasons? What are the expenditure and manpower required for maintaining the operation of the system?

Asked by : Hon. TAM Wai-ho, Samson

Reply :

From the public launch of the Building Records Access and Viewing On-line (BRAVO) system on 7 September 2009 up till 28 February 2010, 1 831 users had registered for the system. The average number of applications for viewing of building records via the system is 1 650 per month. The number of web pages visited has not been captured on the system.

Both the number of applications for viewing of building records via the BRAVO system and percentage of applications for viewing through the system over the total number of viewing applications are in the increasing trend. In February 2010, the daily average number of applications for viewing of building records via the BRAVO system increased by 55% over that in September 2009 when the system was first launched. The number of applications for viewing through the BRAVO system amounted to 40% of the total number of applications. We would continue to monitor the performance of the system and review its implementation from time to time.

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 Buildings Department 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.

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