

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2004-05
**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

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Question : It is mentioned under Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2004-05 that the government will "continue to implement measures to further promote waste separation and recovery". What are the details of the plan involved? What are the staff resources and expenditure involved?

Asked by : Hon. CHOY So-yuk

Reply : In 2004-05, a team of 8 professional staff and 8 technical staff will continue to be involved in more than 15 waste separation and recovery programmes at a total cost of about \$15 million. These programmes include the extension of the dry and wet waste separation trial in housing estates in the Eastern District, promotion on recovery of wastes which are difficult to manage (e.g. waste tyres, electrical & electronic appliances) as well as recovery of glass bottles, plastic bottles and plastic bags.

To further enhance the public's awareness on waste separation and recovery, we would continue to implement various community awareness and education programmes among different target groups in 2004-05 at an estimated total cost of \$6.65 million.

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