

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

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Head : 44 Environmental Protection      Subhead (No. & title):  
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Programme :                      (1) Waste Facilities

Controlling Officer :      Director of Environmental Protection

Director of Bureau :      Secretary for the Environment, Transport and Works

Question : Has any provision been allowed for in the Budget for staff resources required for the preparation and implementation of the vehicle tyre tax? What is the expenditure involved?

Asked by : Hon. CHOY So-yuk

Reply : We are still examining various options for introducing a mandatory product responsibility scheme for waste vehicle tyres, including imposition of a levy scheme for vehicle tyre. The staff resources required for the preparation of the levy scheme are already provided for in the current establishment of the Environmental Protection Department.

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