

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2004-05
**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Question : What is the expenditure in 2004-05 for implementation of the policy to improve indoor air quality? What are the major plans?

Asked by : Hon. CHOY So-yuk

Reply : A budget of \$0.725 million has been earmarked in 2004-05 for promoting and improving indoor air quality. It will cover the following:

- (a) manage an Indoor Air Quality Information Centre to promote the importance of good indoor air quality and disseminate relevant information to the public as well as professionals; and
- (b) coordinate an Indoor Air Quality Certification Scheme that has commenced since September 2003. Under the Scheme, office buildings and public places meeting "good" and "excellent" levels can be issued with a corresponding certificate by qualified personnel.

Further to the above, in 2004-05, this department will study the feasibility of controlling certain building materials and furnishing products that may affect indoor air quality. We will also work on a proposal to control the emission of volatile organic compounds from paints, printing ink and selected consumer products. This proposal will also help to improve indoor air quality.

Signature _____

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