

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 feasibility studies will be commissioned on extension schemes for existing landfills. Will these studies include assessment of the costs and environmental impacts arising from acquisition of private land or expansion of the original reclamation scheme? If yes, what are the expenditure involved and staff resources deployed?

Asked by : Hon. CHU Yu-lin, David

Reply : In 2004-05, the Environmental Protection Department will commission feasibility and environmental impact assessment studies on the extension schemes for the three existing landfills. These studies will also provide detailed plans for land resumption and include the necessary site investigations for the development of the extension schemes. However, there is no reclamation requirement for any of the extension schemes proposed. An estimate of \$16.5 million has been included in the 2004-05 Capital Works Reserve Fund Block Allocation Subhead 5101DX for carrying out these studies. The department will re-deploy existing staff resources to manage the studies and no additional staff resources are required.

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