

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2006-07
**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

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Programme : (1) Capital Projects

Controlling Officer : Director of Highways

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Question : As the capital projects under design and construction can be undertaken by both in-house staff and consultants, what are the criteria for the outsourcing of these assignments of design and construction?

Asked by : Hon. CHENG Kar-foo, Andrew

Reply : The Highways Department considers each project individually to decide whether to outsource the design and construction supervision to consultants or carry out the work in-house. The criteria for outsourcing assignments are -

- (a) the necessary expertise cannot be found in-house, and/or
- (b) a team of multi-disciplinary professionals is required for the project but is not available within the Government, and/or
- (c) in-house manpower resources are not available to carry out the work.

Signature _____

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