

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

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Head: (91) Lands Department  
Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational expenses  
Programme: (-) Not Specified  
Controlling Officer: Director of Lands (Thomas CHAN)  
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Development

Question:

Will the Government inform this Committee of the reasons for an increase of \$51.1 million in the estimated expenditure on “hire of services and professional fees” in 2019-20 as compared with 2018-19?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Chi-chuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 332)

Reply:

The increase of \$51.1 million in the estimated expenditure on “hire of services and professional fees” in 2019-20 over the revised estimates for 2018-19 is mainly due to the increased expenditure on procuring professional and technical services to enrich the land information database, and procuring professional services for the handling of compensation claims in relation to land resumption.

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