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Question: With regard to item no. 559 "Study on HK Residents Living in the Pearl

River Delta Region", could the Department advise on its current progress, its anticipated completion date and how the Government intends to

announce the study results?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Hok-ming

Reply:

The "Study on HK Residents Living in the Pearl Delta Region" comprises two parts. The first part on the "Survey of Hong Kong People Living and Working in the Pearl River Delta Region", undertaken jointly with the Guangdong Provincial Department of Construction, was completed in August 2004. A summary of the key findings was promulgated to the public on 14.12.2004. The survey report, containing the detailed findings, was also posted on Planning Department's website (www.info.gov.hk/planning) on the same day.

The second part involves two Thematic Household Surveys conducted by the Census and Statistics Department on Hong Kong residents' experience of and aspirations for living in the Mainland. The first one was carried out in 2003. The findings were promulgated to the public and posted on PlanD's website on 14.5.2004. The second survey is to be carried out in 2005. The survey findings will be made available to the public and posted on PlanD's website towards the end of 2005.

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