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Question: Under Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2006-07, mention is made of "drawing up a draft development strategy under the "Hong Kong 2030: Planning and Vision Strategy" Study with a view to further consulting the community on the broad long-term planning directions for Hong Kong". What are the details of the work, its timetable, performance indicators as well as the manpower and resources involved?

Asked by: Hon. KWOK Ka-ki

## Reply:

The "HK2030" Study is a strategic planning study that aims to provide a long-term land-use, environment and transport planning framework for the future development of Hong Kong. The Study comprises four stages, with public consultation conducted at the end of each stage. Having considered the community views received in the public consultation in the first three stages of the HK2030 Study, three planning directions, namely, Providing a Quality Living Environment, Enhancing Economic Competitiveness and Strengthening Links with the Mainland, have been identified and will form the basis of the planning strategy to be formulated under the Stage 4 Study, which is now in progress.

The Stage 4 Study involves also technical assessments of various crucial factors (such as transport, environment) in determining the planning strategy. It is anticipated that the major assessments will be completed by end 2006. Towards the end of the Stage 4 Study, a further round of consultation will be conducted.

The Study is mainly carried out by Planning Department staff with some of the technical assessments undertaken by consultants. For 2006-07, HK\$6.455 million is allocated for the Study under Head 118 Planning Department.

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