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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

Head: 43 - Civil Engineering Department Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (3) Site Formation and Reclamation

Controlling Officer: Director of Civil Engineering

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Housing, Planning and Lands

Question: In Programme (3), the Controlling Officer Report mentioned that "The environmental impact assessment (EIA) study for Yung Shue Wan (Phase 2) … is in progress": What is the scope of the project? What is the current progress of the EIA study? When will the EIA study be completed? Has there been any public consultation conducted and will there be any future consultation for the proposed project?

Asked by: Hon. LAU Chin-shek

Reply: Yung Shue Wan Development (Phase 2) project was conceived to include possible construction of seawalls and reclamation of about 1 hectare of land, construction of an emergency vehicular access, a seafront promenade, storm water drainage and sewerage, and associated landscape works. The environmental impact assessment study for the project was completed in February 2003.

Back in March 2001, Civil Engineering Department (CED) together with Planning Department (PlanD) held two consultation meetings with Lamma (North) Area Committee, relevant environmental and local groups to discuss the draft engineering options for the proposed project.

PlanD together with CED held another two consultation meetings with Lamma (North) Area Committee, relevant environmental and local groups in early 2003 to discuss the development options for Yung Shue Wan.

In the light of the views received during the public consultation, the Government is reviewing the scale of the proposed reclamation and the associated land uses. Further public consultation will be conducted before the implementation of the proposed project.

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Post Title Director of Civil Engineering

Date 20 March 2003