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Programme : (1) – Territorial and sub-regional Planning

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Question : Regarding Programme (1) Territorial and Sub-regional Planning, will the Planning Department put in resources for more public consultation exercises in 2003-04, apart from those for “Hong Kong 2030 : Planning Vision and Strategy”, to enable public participation in the town planning of the territory?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Wai-hing, Emily

Reply :

It has been the objective of the Planning Department to consult the public as widely as possible on all planning studies and major development proposals through such means as public forums, focus discussion groups, briefing sessions and the internet, etc. As public involvement is part of the planning process, resources for consultation have been built into the department's operating expenses. All planning studies include a budget for public consultation. In 2003-04, apart from the Hong Kong 2030 Study, consultation will be undertaken for the various studies under Programme 1 including :-

- (a) Study on Landscape Value Mapping
- (b) Study on Planning for Pedestrians
- (c) Review on Shopping Habits
- (d) South Lantau and Mui Wo Development – Feasibility Study

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