

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2003-04  
**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
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Question: What is the estimated amount used in the West Kowloon Cultural District (WKCD) development in 2003-04 by TDD? What is the detailed development and progress of the WKCD?

Asked by: Hon. HO Chun-yan, Albert

Reply:

We expect to spend \$0.14 million in connection with assessing the impact of the WKCD development on traffic and transport in adjacent areas of Kowloon.

As regards the progress of the WKCD project, the Government announced on 2 October 2002 that the Steering Committee for the project had adopted the winning entry to the concept plan competition as the basis for the masterplan for the new district and would commission a study of the Government's options for financial involvement in the project. On 20 March 2003, the Government announced that the Steering Committee had accepted recommendations by the Home Affairs Bureau on the core arts and cultural facilities to be stipulated as requirements in the development brief for the project. The present position is that the Steering Committee is in the process of finalising the overall development parameters in the light of the potential implications of different options. The aim is to invite proposals from the private sector around the middle of 2003.

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