

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2003-04  
**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
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Head: 707 New Towns and Urban Area Development      Subhead (No. & title):

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Controlling Officer: Director of Territory Development

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Housing, Planning and Lands

Question: What is the progress of the following projects? On what aspects will the funding be used in the coming year?

- (a) 7494CL: South East Kowloon development at Kai Tai Airport - decontamination and site preparation;
- (b) 7693CL: South East Kowloon development - consultants' fees and site investigation for Kai Tak Approach Channel reclamation;
- (c) 7694CL: South East Kowloon development at Kai Tak Airport - consultants' fees and site investigation; and
- (d) 7699CL: South East Kowloon development - consultant's fees and site investigation for Kowloon Bay reclamation and engineering works.

Asked by: Hon.LI Wah-ming, Fred

Reply:

(a) Project 7494CL (APE=\$316.9M)

The decontamination works have been completed. Post remediation monitoring works are now underway until end 2003. Expenditure will be incurred in 2003-04 for post remediation monitoring works.

(b) Project 7693CL (APE=\$63.8M)

Detailed design of the project is underway. Actions under Roads (Works, Use and Compensation) Ordinance and Environmental Impact Assessment Ordinance are in hand. We have completed the site investigation works and laboratory tests on both in-situ and ex-situ treatment methods for the contaminated sediment in the approach channel. Further laboratory tests are being carried out to measure methane emission from the sediment before deciding on the sediment treatment methods. Results are expected to be available in mid 2003. Expenditure will be incurred in 2003-04 for the detailed design work and pilot test for the sediment treatment method.

(c) Project 7694CL (APE=\$115.9M)

Detailed design for the first works package of infrastructure works is in hand for works to start in early 2004. Detailed design for other works packages is now in progress. Expenditure will be incurred in 2003-04 for the detailed design and site investigation works.

(d) Project 7699CL (APE=\$105.7M)

Detailed design of the project commenced in December 2002. The review of the findings and recommendations of previous feasibility studies is underway. Expenditure will be incurred in 2003-04 for the detailed design and site investigation works.

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