

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2004-05

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

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Question: Regarding the protection and the enhancement of the Victoria Harbour, please list the tasks and their expenditure for the 2003-04 financial year. Please compare them with the relevant expenditure for 2004-05.

Asked by: Hon. HO Chun-yan, Albert

Reply: Apart from overseeing the policy issues on Harbour protection and enhancement, the following public relations tasks relating to the Harbour issue were carried out by the Bureau in 2003-04 –

- (a) Production and distribution of the leaflet “Our Harbour – Past, Present and Future”: \$46,800.
- (b) Production and distribution of the booklet “All About Central Reclamation Phase III” and associated posters: \$714,300.
- (c) Design and production of the Central Reclamation Phase III Internet website: \$22,400.

For 2004-05, we will support the Advisory Committee on Enhancement of the Harbour-front. The relevant work is carried out by the existing staff of this Bureau. As one of the tasks of the Committee is to consider means to enlist greater community participation, we are prepared to redeploy some resources to fund worthwhile community participation projects aiming at enhancing the harbour-front for the enjoyment of the public. At this stage, taking account of known commitments, we expect to be able to set aside a provision of about \$5 million for the purpose.

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