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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Question : The Government has announced that an Advisory Committee on Enhancement of the Harbour-front will be set up, under this Programme, to ensure that planning and land use are geared towards the mission of protecting the Victoria Harbour and enhancing it for the enjoyment of residents and tourists. In this connection, could the Government inform us of the resources and manpower establishment that are devoted to supporting the said Committee?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Ping-cheung

Reply : The Advisory Committee on Enhancement of the Harbour-front will be supported by internal redeployment of resources, which is mainly staff cost, within the 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 support 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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