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Question : (a) The Planning Department manages seven planning and development studies in 2004-05. Would you advise on the expenditure, time schedule and study details of each of these studies?

(b) What are the actual expenditure in 2003-04 and the estimated expenditure for 2004-05 with respect to the study on 'Hong Kong 2030: Planning Vision and Strategy'? In this regard, what is the estimated time required for providing the framework and what are the estimated staffing and expenditure?

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Reply :

The requested information is provided as below :

(a) Information regarding the seven consultancy studies managed by the Planning Department in 2004-05 :

Name	Consultancy Fees (Provision in 2004-05)	Study Programme	Objectives
Landscape Value Mapping of Hong Kong	\$4.46 million (\$1.11 million)	Commenced in October 2001; to complete in late 2004	To establish the baseline conditions of landscape resources of Hong Kong.
Study on Planning for Pedestrians	\$3.458 million (\$1.04 million)	Commenced in March 2001; to complete in June 2004	To formulate a planning framework covering the principles, concepts, guidelines and standards for pedestrian planning and to prepare Pedestrian Plans for Causeway Bay, Central, Kwun Tong and Tai Po Market to test the application of the planning framework.

Name	Consultancy Fees (Provision in 2004-05)	Study Programme	Objectives
Study on Rural Planning and Land Management in the New Territories	\$7 million (for Phase Two only) (\$0.95 million)	Commenced in March 2002; Phase One in-house study to complete in early 2004; commissioning of Phase Two depends on outcome of Phase One.	To devise a land planning and management strategy to better manage the rural environment. Phase One has examined the key land use and management problems and will propose improvement measures. Phase Two is to test possible pilot projects. The need and timing of Phase Two depend on outcome of Phase One.
Study on South Lantau and Mui Wo Development	\$8.54 million (\$1 million) (funded under CWRP)	Commenced in July 2002; to complete in mid 2004	To establish a land-use planning framework for Mui Wo and South Lantau.
Study on Hong Kong Port Master Plan 2020	\$9.27 million (\$1.9 million) (funded by EDLB under Head 145)	Commenced in July 2002; to complete in April 2004	To formulate a master plan for port development in the coming 20 years. PlanD is responsible for the landuse planning aspect.
Review on Shopping Habits	Not Yet Known (\$2.05 million)	Under planning; to commence in mid 2004 and complete in end 2005	To comprehensively review the shopping habits/ shoppers' expenditure patterns; assess their implications on the provision of retail facilities and review the current planning standards and guidelines on retail facilities.
Area Improvement Study for Tsim Sha Tsui	\$3.16 million (\$0.90 million)	Study commenced in January 2004; to complete in June 2005	To recommend a package of proposals to improve the general environment of Tsim Sha Tsui.

(b) The information regarding the Study of "Hong Kong 2030 : Planning Vision and Strategy" is as follows:

- Actual Expenditure in 2003-04 (as at 22 March 2004) : \$2.44 million
- Anticipated Expenditure in 2004-05 : \$3.96 million

- Study Timeframe : The 4-stage study involving extensive public consultation was launched in November 2000 and scheduled for completion by end 2004 / early 2005
- Manpower Involved : The Study is managed by a study team comprising one Deputy Director (part-time), one Assistant Director (part-time), two Chief Town Planners (part-time), two Senior Town Planners and three Town Planners.
- Total Expenditure : About \$15 million

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