

Apart from staff cost, expenditure incurred in 2004-05 relating to HEC includes:

<i>Particulars</i>	<i>\$'000</i>
Enhanced public participation programmes	586
Support for HEC and Sub-committee meetings and activities	250
<i>Total</i>	<i>836</i>

The HEC has set up three Sub-committees, namely, (i) Sub-committee on South East Kowloon Development (SEKD) Review to assist the HEC in monitoring and giving advice on the Planning and Engineering Review of the former Kai Tak site; (ii) Sub-committee on Harbour Plan Review to assist the HEC to formulate an integrated harbour plan and to identify, give advice on and monitor the improvement projects along the existing and new harbour-fronts; and (iii) Sub-committee on Wan Chai Development Phase II (WDII) Review to assist the HEC in monitoring and giving advice on the Planning and Engineering Review of Wan Chai Development Phase II taking into account the implications on the adjoining areas along the harbour-front.

In conducting the SEKD Review and the WDII Review, the HEC has launched an enhanced public participation programme to encourage public involvement and consensus building in the reviews.

On the harbour-front improvement projects, the HEC Sub-committee on Harbour Plan Review is working on a number of priority projects including the beautification of hoardings near Central Ferry Piers, and the temporary waterfront promenade at West Kowloon Cultural District. It has also formulated a set of Harbour Planning Principles to reflect the changing community aspirations on the planning and development of the Victoria Harbour and its waterfront areas. Upon further consultation, the principles will be revised and applied in the harbour planning review and studies such as the SEKD Review and the WDII Review.

We will continue to work with the HEC and all concerned Bureaux/Departments to ensure that the development of the Harbour, if any, is in full accord with the principle of sustainable development and can comply with the provisions of the Protection of the Harbour Ordinance.

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