

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2005-06
**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Question :

Regarding continuing to service the Steering Committee for Development of the West Kowloon Cultural District, what are the estimated expenditure and details of tasks for 2005-06?

Asked by : Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply :

We have established a dedicated team in the Planning and Lands Branch to oversee and coordinate the work relating to the development of the West Kowloon Cultural District (WKCD). The team is responsible for servicing the Steering Committee for Development of the West Kowloon Cultural District (Steering Committee). We provide the full range of secretariat support to the Steering Committee, and are charged with the responsibility to follow up the decisions of the Steering Committee including inter-bureaux coordination and implementation of the Invitation for Proposals (IFP) process for the WKCD project.

We are leading and co-ordinating the inter-bureaux/departments' assessment of the screened-in proposals as stipulated in the IFP. Concurrently, we are conducting public consultation in conjunction with the Home Affairs Bureau. On completion of the assessment and public consultation, we shall report to the Steering Committee for advice on the way forward for the project.

At present, this team has seven staff members on HPLB's establishment. In addition, there are other staff members in the team who are either on loan from other bureaux/departments on a short-term basis or hired on a contract basis. The total staffing expenditure for 2005-06 is estimated at \$10.1 million.

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