

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

The Secretary for Housing, Planning and Lands announced in mid-March that the public consultation exercise for the West Kowloon Cultural District project would be extended to end of June.

- (a) What additional financial and human resources will be allocated to the extended public consultation exercise?
- (b) What is the estimated budget for the whole consultation exercise?
- (c) What is the estimated budget for the whole West Kowloon Cultural District Project if it is delivered through the proposed mode of implementation?

Asked by : Hon. SHEK Lai-him, Abraham

Reply :

- (a) The extended public consultation exercise would incur an estimated expenditure of about \$1.6 million. The work arising from the extension will be absorbed by existing staff.
- (b) The estimated budget for the whole consultation exercise, including the extension, is about \$6 million.

- (c) The Government will decide the way forward for the West Kowloon Cultural District project after taking into account assessment findings and the public opinions received during the public consultation which is currently underway. At this stage, we are not in a position to provide an estimated budget for the whole project.

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Date	_____ 6 April 2005 _____

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