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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Question :

“Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2005-06” include “continue to provide technical input to the planning framework and engineering review of Wan Chai Development Phase II and Kai Tak Development with a view to further minimising the extent of reclamation works”. What are the details?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Chin-shek

Reply :

In the light of the Judgment of the Court of Final Appeal on harbour reclamation, Wan Chai Development Phase II and Kai Tak Development are being reviewed. Both reviews are being carried out under the auspices of the Harbour-front Enhancement Committee (HEC).

In conjunction with other concerned departments, we are providing engineering and technical advice to the HEC including the related public consultations currently being undertaken.

In tendering our advice and technical assessment, we will have full regard to the Protection of the Harbour Ordinance (PHO) and the Court of Final Appeal (CFA) judgement and ensure that reclamation proposal, if any, can comply fully with the PHO provisions and the “overriding public need test” stipulated by the CFA.

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