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Question : What are the details and the corresponding estimated expenditure for 2005-06 on the enhancement of the Hong Kong-Macao-Pearl River Delta Information Database and the ongoing research on development issues with a cross-boundary dimension to be carried out during 2005-06?

Asked by : Hon. HO Chung-tai, Raymond

Reply :

The Hong Kong-Macao-Pearl River Delta (PRD) Information Database (the Database) is an intranet information system for inter-departmental use within the HKSAR Government. It provides reference materials and statistical data on cross-boundary infrastructures as well as town planning and development of cities in the Pearl River Delta Economic Region. The purpose of the Database is to provide the concerned government officials with easy access to such information for the purpose of research and studies. The Database has been substantially completed and the estimated expenditure for 2005-06 is \$130,000.

To provide updated information for cross-boundary infrastructure planning, we would regularly conduct studies on cross-boundary traffic. We will launch the 2005 Cross-Boundary Travel Survey and the Survey on Propensity to Use Private Cars to cross the Boundary in 2005-06.

The 2005 Cross-Boundary Travel Survey will be carried out in October to November 2005 to collect updated statistical data in such areas as trip purpose, origin and destination for cross-boundary trips and socio-economic status of travellers. The expenditure to be incurred in 2005-06 is estimated to be \$2.64 million.

The Survey on Propensity to Use Private Cars to cross the Boundary will be conducted towards the end of 2005. It includes surveying private car owners to find out their views towards and aspirations for using private cars to cross the boundary. The expenditure to be incurred in 2005-06 is estimated to be \$1.26 million.

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