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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Question : The Government will continue to maintain close liaison with the Guangdong authorities on planning matters under the auspices of the Hong Kong/Guangdong Co-operation Joint Conference. In this connection, what are the details of the expenditure and manpower arrangements for 2006-07, the planning areas and the major New Territories sites involved?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Hok-ming

Reply :

In furtherance of our policy objective of enhancing co-operation with the Guangdong authorities on planning matters, we will commission a joint "Planning Study on the Co-ordinated Development of the Greater Pearl River Delta Township" (the GPRD Study). The objective of the GPRD Study is to formulate a co-ordinated regional development strategy for the cities of the GPRD. It is a strategic planning study and does not involve any specific land in the New Territories.

Apart from the above, we will continue to exchange planning information with cities in the Pearl River Delta to facilitate cross-boundary infrastructure planning.

The work will be carried out by existing staff in the Bureau and Planning Department.

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