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Question : Regarding the re-planning of the West Kowloon Cultural District (WKCD) project, what were the expenditure and manpower previously involved in various areas of the planning (including the Concept Plan Competition at the very beginning until the end of the Invitation For Proposals stage before the decision on the re-planning)?

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply :

Since the inception of the West Kowloon Cultural District (WKCD) in 2001, Government expenditure on the project has amounted to some \$34 million, covering the Concept Plan Competition, Invitation for Proposals and public consultation. Existing staff were deployed to provide support for the WKCD. The level and composition of staffing varied according to the stage of project development. It is impractical to provide a breakdown on the manpower previously involved in the project.

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