

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2006-07

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
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Question : In 2005-06, the Bureau co-ordinated the assessment of proposals in accordance with the Invitation for Proposals for the development of the West Kowloon Cultural District, completed the public consultation and recommended the way forward. Please state the Government's total expenditure on assessment of proposals and public consultation from the time proposals were invited until now.

Asked by : Hon. HO Chun-yan, Albert

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. Most of them were multi-tasked to meet the need arising from different stages of project development. It is impractical to provide the expenditure solely for assessment and public consultation.

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