

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Question : In the Estimates for 2004-05 and 2005-06, Matters Requiring Special Attention include 'ensuring that the planning and land use objectives are geared towards the mission to protect Victoria Harbour and enhance it for the enjoyment of residents and visitors alike'. In the Estimates for 2006-07, the said goal has been deleted. Does that mean the Government will no longer allocate resources to protect and enhance Victoria Harbour? If so, why?

Asked by : Hon. KWOK Ka-ki

Reply :

To underline our policy commitment of protecting the Victoria Harbour, we highlighted as a matter requiring special attention in the Estimates for 2004-05 our policy pledge of gearing our planning and land use objectives towards our mission to protect the Victoria Harbour and enhance it for the enjoyment of our residents and visitors alike. We reiterated this pledge in the Estimates for 2005-06. With repeated emphasis given to this policy pledge and this becoming an on-going duty, we consider that it is no longer necessary to do so again in the Estimates for 2006-07.

For 2006-07, we will continue to allocate resources to this area of work and work closely with the Harbour-front Enhancement Committee to enhance the harbour-front and make it a vibrant and accessible attraction for public enjoyment.

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Date _____

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