Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2006-07

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Question: In this programme, the 2006 Estimate for the indicator "Expenditure on construction for land formation and infrastructure" is \$2,700 million, which is less than its 2005 Estimate of \$4,151 million by \$1,451 million. The reduction is about 35%. What are the reasons for the reduction?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Wai-yip, Albert

Reply:

The provision in the 2006 Estimate is smaller because the following major projects have been completed:-

- (a) Engineering works for back-up area and infrastructure for Container Terminal No.9;
- (b) Trunk Road T7 in Ma On Shan; and
- (c) A number of flood protection projects in the North West New Territories.

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