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Question : (1) What work will be carried out during 2006-07 regarding the planning frameworks for Wan Chai Development Phase II and Kai Tak Development? What are the respective manpower and estimated expenditure of the two projects? and

(2) When changes occur in the development of the West Kowloon Cultural District, will the increase of \$3.7 million in the estimate for 2006-07 under this programme still be used on the planning of West Kowloon? Does it cover the financial study and the study on the demand for cultural facilities that the Government undertook to conduct, as well as an examination on the comprehensive overall planning of West Kowloon and other cultural facilities and the peripheral old urban area on the basis of the West Kowloon planning?

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Yuen-han

Reply :

(1) Following the recent completion of the Envisioning Stage of the Wan Chai Development Phase II (WDII) Planning and Engineering Review, the Realisation Stage will commence soon during which a Concept Plan will be developed. This will be followed by the Detailed Planning Stage in which a Recommended Outline Development Plan (RODP) will be prepared. The RODP will form the basis for revising the draft Wan Chai North Outline Zoning Plan (OZP) to comply with the requirements of the Protection of the Harbour Ordinance and the judgment of the Court of Final Appeal in January 2004 in relation to the OZP.

In relation to the Kai Tak Planning Review, Stage 1 Public Participation on visions and Stage 2 on Outline Concept Plans have been completed. The next stage will be the preparation of a Preliminary Outline Development Plan (PODP) to serve as a basis for amending the relevant OZPs and for the Civil Engineering and Development Department (CEDD) to undertake detailed engineering feasibility and environmental impact assessment studies.

The WDII Planning and Engineering Review and the Kai Tak Planning Review are undertaken as consultancy studies. The former is managed by CEDD with a provision of \$5.3 million in 2006-07 and the latter by Planning Department with a provision of \$5 million.

- (2) The Estimates were prepared before the Government's decision on the West Kowloon Cultural District (WKCD) development was announced on 21 February 2006. Of the increased provision of \$3.7 million, only a small part was earmarked to provide staffing support to WKCD.

Following the Government's announcement on 21 February 2006 to discontinue the "Invitation for Proposals" process and to set up a Consultative Committee to re-examine with a view to re-confirming the need for the Core Arts and Cultural Facilities in the WKCD, the Department will support the coming consultation exercise for the WKCD. The original estimated provision in 2006-07 Estimates for the work of the WKCD will be adjusted accordingly. Details have yet to be worked out at this stage.

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