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Question : In connection with the Estimate 2006-07 of the Planning Department, will the Government inform this Committee of:

- (a) the resources earmarked in 2006-07 for implementation and promotion of district planning featuring local characteristics for the 18 districts? What are the manpower and expenditure involved? and
- (b) the manpower and expenditure for implementation of district planning featuring local characteristics for the 18 districts in the past five years? Please provide the itemized details on the related district planning and the performance.

Asked by : Hon. LAU Sau-shing, Patrick

Reply :

Planning is an on-going and evolving process. When undertaking a planning study or updating a town plan for a particular district, all relevant factors such as planning objectives, existing land uses, development opportunities and constraints will be considered, and these include also local characters and local community aspirations. Local views are actively sought through various means, including discussion at District Council meetings and the holding of local community workshops and public forums.

Local district planning work is multi-faceted. It can range from the gazetting of statutory plans and the processing of representations, the consideration of planning applications and rezoning requests, to the formulation of individual area improvement plans covering different local projects. All local planning has to suit local district requirements and circumstances. It is not possible to apportion staff resource and expenditure specific to local characteristics.

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