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Question : Please advise the Council on the following:

- (a) In undertaking the various planning studies, including the Planning Study on the Co-ordinated Development of the Greater Pearl River Delta Townships, the Planning Department did not make available the town plans showing the cities in the Mainland adjoining Hong Kong. What will be the manpower and expenditure requirements for preparing a set of comprehensive town plans showing clearly the details of streets in Hong Kong and in those adjoining cities in the Mainland; and
- (b) Can the above task be undertaken by redeployment of staff resources within the Planning Department? If not, what are the reasons?

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Reply :

- (a) Through the existing liaison channels established with the Mainland authorities including the Expert Group on Hong Kong/Guangdong Town Planning and Development, we have obtained the comprehensive plans, topical plans and development plans of our neighboring cities within the Guangdong Province. Information contained in these different types of plans have been used in our cross-boundary and territorial planning studies.

Although we have obtained relevant Mainland mapping information and plans for our internal reference, it would not be appropriate for us to integrate them with our Hong Kong based information for public release as it would infringe the copyright of the concerned Mainland authorities. Moreover, it would be difficult for us to ensure the relevant information is most up-to-date.

- (b) For reasons as explained in (a) above, no staff would be deployed to undertake the task.

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