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Head : 118 Planning Department Subhead (No. & title) :

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Question : The following three planning and development studies will be managed during 2006-07:

- (a) Area Improvement Plan for the Shopping Areas of Mong Kok;
- (b) Review of the Harbour Plan; and
- (c) Area Improvement Study for Tsim Sha Tsui.

Please advise:

- (a) when will the studies be completed; and
- (b) with regard to the study in item (b) above, what are the approved commitment, the accumulated expenditure to 31.3.2005 and the estimated expenditure for 2005-06?

Asked by : Hon. LEONG Kah-kit, Alan

Reply :

- (a) The Area Improvement Study for Tsim Sha Tsui will be completed in mid-2006. The Area Improvement Plan for the Shopping Areas of Mong Kok is scheduled for completion in early 2008. As explained in (b) below, the Review of the Harbour Plan will be undertaken in stages.
- (b) The Review of the Harbour Plan is basically undertaken by in-house staff of the Planning Department as part and parcel of their duties with the employment of specialist consultancy service only when necessary. No expenditure on consultancy service has been incurred so far. The review includes the formulation of a set of harbour planning principles and a district-based review of different districts adjoining the harbour. The review will be carried out jointly with the Harbour Plan Review Sub-committee of the Harbourfront Enhancement Committee (HEC) and undertaken in stages.

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