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Question : During 2006-07, the Administration will continue to provide planning input to the work of the Steering Committee for Development of the West Kowloon Cultural District. Following the Government's new decision on the development of the West Kowloon Cultural District and the renewed consultation, what effect does the new decision have on the related staffing and estimate of expenses?

Asked by : Hon. LEONG Kah-kit, Alan

Reply :

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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