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Question : Please provide details of the two planning studies on the Frontier Closed Area and a possible new Eastern Boundary Crossing respectively, as well as the manpower and expenditures involved.

Asked by : Hon. LI Kwok-ying

Reply :

The Study on Land Use Planning for the Frontier Closed Area (FCA) aims to formulate a planning framework to guide the future use of the area to be excised from the FCA, based on the principle of sustainable development.

It would examine the development potential and constraints of the area, taking account of its environmental, ecological and socio-economic characteristics, with a view to drawing up statutory plans to control unauthorized developments and to guide the future use and development of the area. The study process will include technical assessments on traffic and infrastructure, as well as a strategic environmental assessment. The study will commence in the first half of 2006.

The Study on a possible new Eastern Boundary Crossing comprises two parts:

- (a) A joint study with Shenzhen to assess the need for a new control point at Liantang/Heung Yuen Wai by studying the projected future cross-boundary traffic flows and the implications of developing a new control point. The detailed scope of the study would need to be further discussed with the Shenzhen side before proceeding.
- (b) A consultancy study to examine the broad environmental, ecological and nature conservation issues on the Hong Kong side in relation to the development of a new control point in Liantang/Heung Yuen Wai and the possible road alignments within Hong Kong to connect with the new control point.

As the two studies require multi-disciplinary expertise, apart from in-house staff, we would engage consultants to undertake part of the work. The estimated expenditure for the Study on Land Use Planning for the Frontier Closed Area is \$9.8 million and the initial estimate for the Study on the possible new Eastern Boundary Crossing is \$5 million.

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