

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Question : Why is there a need to increase the financial provision in 2006-07? With such an increase, what kinds of planning work and studies will be undertaken and what are their expenditures in 2006-07?

Asked by : Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply :

The increase in provision of \$16.3 million would be used to strengthen staffing support for cross-boundary planning work and to fund the following consultancy studies:

Hong Kong 2030: Planning Vision and Strategy
Area Improvement Study for Tsim Sha Tsui
Area Improvement Plan for the Shopping Areas of Mong Kok
Cross-boundary Travel Survey 2005 *
A new planning study on the Frontier Closed Area
A new planning study on a possible new Eastern Boundary Crossing

- * The Cross-boundary Travel Survey 2005 has not been proceeded with because none of the tender proposals received was successful. We will invite tender again this year.

Signature

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Director of Planning

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