

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

S-HPLB(PL)01

Question Serial No.

S62

Head : 138 Government Secretariat:
Housing, Planning and Lands
Bureau (Planning and Lands
Branch)

Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (2) Buildings, Lands and Planning

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for Housing, Planning and Lands
(Planning and Lands)

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Housing, Planning and Lands

Question : According to Reply HPLB(PL)003, as consolidation of past efforts is under way regarding the West Kowloon Cultural District (WKCD), only the Consultative Committee will be set up at this stage and adjustments and details concerning other WKCD work and the estimates are still pending. Please advise:

- (a) around what time will the details of the work and the estimates be known;
- (b) whether, for the 3 supernumerary directorate posts originally to be created as a result of the WKCD, there is still a need for their creation in the coming year and if not, what will be done to the provision concerned; and
- (c) how the Government would increase the provision concerned if there is a breakthrough for the WKCD project in the coming year.

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Yuen-han

Reply :

- (a) The Consultative Committee, supported by three Advisory Groups, will re-examine, with a view to re-confirming the need for the Core Arts and Cultural Facilities in the West Kowloon Cultural District (WKCD). The Consultative Committee will endeavor to submit its findings to the Government in six months' time. The findings of the Consultative Committee will provide a good basis for the Government to formulate an appropriate development approach for the WKCD. Details of the other WKCD work and estimates have yet to be worked out.
- (b) Following Government's announcement to discontinue the Invitation for Proposals process on 21 February 2006, we are reviewing the need for creating the three posts in question in the Housing, Planning and Lands Bureau and are examining the resources required to support the coming consultation exercise for WKCD in conjunction with the Home Affairs Bureau.

- (c) We will continue to deploy necessary resources to meet the need of the project under the established mechanism.

Signature	_____
Name in block letters	Mr Robin Ip
Post Title	Permanent Secretary for Housing, Planning and Lands (Planning and Lands) Atg
Date	20 March 2006

[TOP](#)