Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2006-07

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION

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<u>Question</u>: Regarding Reply Serial No. HPLB(PL)020, please provide the following information:

- 1) The difference between the revised and original estimates of the Harbour-front Enhancement Committee (HEC) for 2005-06.
- 2) Expenditure on HEC work in 2005-06 includes:
 - a) public engagement activities (\$1,080,000)
 - b) support for HEC and Sub-committee meetings and activities (\$135,000)

Please provide a breakdown of the above two items of expenditure, covering activities concerned, number of public participants, number of government officials attended and the resources incurred by the Central Reclamation Phase III (CRIII) and the proposed Wan Chai Development Phase II (WDII) and South East Kowloon Development (SEKD).

3) The Government stated that: "For 2006-07, the HEC will continue to be served by the same level of manpower resources. We will also reserve \$5 million for HEC's public engagement and other activities in 2006-07". Please provide a breakdown of the activities that the HEC plans to launch in relation to the CRIII and the proposed WDII and SEKD, and provide the budget for each activity in details.

Asked by: Hon. KWOK Ka-ki

Reply:

1) For 2005-06, we have reserved \$5 million to meet the requirement of HEC and its Sub-committees in launching public engagement and other activities. Of this reserved sum, the expenditure incurred in the year is about \$1.2 million.

2)

(a) The breakdown of \$1.08 million for the various public engagement activities is:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Particulars</u>	<u>\$'000</u>
(i)	Central Harbourfront and Me (CHarM) public participatory	265
	programme	
(ii)	Stage 2 Public Participation of Kai Tak Planning (KTP)	360
	Review (also known as South East Kowloon Development	
	(SEKD) Review)	
(iii)	Envisioning Stage of Harbour-front Enhancement Review –	455
	Wan Chai, Causeway Bay and Adjoining Areas (HER) under	
	Wan Chai Development Phase II (WDII) Review	
	Total	1,080

Items (ii) and (iii) above are related to the SEKD Review and WDII Review respectively.

The breakdown of estimated numbers of public participants and government officials for the above public engagement activities is:

Item		No. of public	No. of government	Total
	Participants	participants	officials attended	
	Activities			
(i)	CHarM	2 950	30	2 980
(ii)	Stage 2 Public	500	30	530
	Participation of			
	KTP Review			
(iii)	HER under WDII	580	170	750
	Review			
	Total	4 030	230	4 260

(b) The breakdown of \$135,000 for HEC and its Sub-committee meetings and activities is:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Particulars</u>	<u>\$'000</u>
(i)	HEC and Sub-committee meetings	93
(ii)	Updating and maintenance of the HEC website	42
	Total	135

The HEC and its Sub-committee meetings are open to the public. However, we have not kept registers on public attendance.

3) The public engagement activities as mentioned in 2(a) above will continue and incur expenditure in 2006-07 and the respective Sub-committees are planning the detailed programmes as well as estimating the funding requirements.

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