

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2007-08
**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

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Programme : (2) Buildings, Lands and Planning

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Question :

Please provide details on the working targets set by the Bureau and the relevant departments (not including those drawn up with the Harbour-front Enhancement Committee) for protecting and enhancing the following waterfront areas; the action plan formulated under the principles laid down in the Protection of the Harbour Ordinance and the manpower and resources involved in the past three financial years, i.e. 2004-05, 2005-06 and 2006-07 and in 2007-08:

1. Kennedy Town Waterfront
2. Central Waterfront
3. Wan Chai Waterfront
4. Causeway Bay- Tin Hau Waterfront
5. North Point Waterfront (opposite the former North Point Estate)
6. Shau Kei Wan Waterfront
7. Kwun Tong Pier Waterfront
8. the waterfront area at ex-Kai Tak Airport
9. Hung Hom Waterfront
10. West Kowloon Waterfront
11. Sham Shui Po- Lai Chi Kok Waterfront

Asked by : Hon. KWOK Ka-ki

Reply :

In the past three years, the Government has, in conjunction with the Harbour-front Enhancement Committee (HEC), engaged and consulted the community extensively on major planning and land-use proposals around the Victoria Harbour.

The Kai Tak Planning Review, completed in end 2006, has proposed various land-uses to enhance, inter alia, the Kai Tak and Kwun Tong waterfront areas. Under the Wan Chai Development Phase II Review, a Concept Plan was promulgated in October 2006 for various harbourfront enhancement proposals for the Wan Chai, Causeway Bay and North Point waterfront. The review on the land uses in Western District which covers the waterfront areas is in progress. We have also embarked on the Hung Hom District Study for the formulation of a comprehensive district plan to guide the planning and design of the Hung Hom harbourfront areas. The Central Reclamation Urban Design Study will be commenced shortly with a view to refining the existing urban design framework for the Central harbourfront. As regards specific harbourfront enhancement projects, we have extended the boardwalk and enhanced various ancillary facilities at the West Kowloon Waterfront Promenade. Works for the Wan Chai Waterfront Promenade are in good progress and upon completion will be open for public enjoyment in April this year. We will continue to identify opportunities for carrying out other enhancement projects along the harbourfront.

The above studies and projects are carried out to further the Government policy commitments of protecting and enhancing our precious Harbour for the benefit of the community. They are in full compliance with the HEC Harbour Planning Principles and the provisions of the Protection of the Harbour Ordinance.

The various public engagement and consultation activities organized with HEC are chargeable to the provision of \$5 million which we have earmarked in 2005-06, 2006-07 and 2007-08. No additional manpower resources have been provided. The additional work is absorbed by existing staff. The various harbourfront enhancement projects are implemented by concerned Departments under their project votes.

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Date _____ 15 March 2007

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