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Question :

For the matters requiring special attention, it is mentioned that the Department will “continue to provide technical input to the planning and engineering review of Wan Chai Development Phase II (WDII) and proceed with the detailed design of the project”. Please advise this Committee of the latest progress of the planning work and the works, the manpower and expenditure involved, whether consultants are commissioned to conduct the relevant studies and design work and the consultants’ fees involved.

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply :

The Concept Plan for WDII was produced under the planning and engineering review of Wan Chai Development Phase II (WDII Review). The Legislative Council, District Councils and the public were consulted during the period from September to December 2006. The next step is to prepare the Recommended Outline Development Plan which will form the basis for the amendments to the relevant Outline Zoning Plans. Detailed design of the engineering works will follow thereafter.

Consultants are employed for the WDII Review and the subsequent detailed design works. Consultancy fees for the WDII Review is about \$21 million and that for the detailed design is estimated to be about \$43.7 million. The staff resources required for providing technical support are absorbed by the existing establishment of the Civil Engineering and Development Department.

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Date _____

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