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Question :

In 2006, the Civil Engineering and Development Department formed a total of 74 hectares of land. However, the estimated area of land to be formed in 2007 is nine hectares only, which is a reduction of over 80% compared with 2006. What are the reasons? What is the distribution, manpower and expenses involved for the formation of the nine hectares of land?

Asked by : Hon. LI Kwok-ying

Reply :

The reduced estimate for 2007 in respect of the indicator of “area of land formed” is mainly to reflect the completion in 2006 of major land formation works in Kai Tak North Apron Area, Yuen Long, Kam Tin and San Tin areas and partial completion of land formation works for the development in Jordan Valley near Choi Wan Road and Route 9 (section between Shek Wai Kok and Chai Wan Kok) project. We will continue to form nine hectares of land in 2007 mainly on Hong Kong Island (Central Reclamation Phase III) and Jordan Valley near Choi Wan Road. For the formation of the nine hectares of land in 2007, a capital expenditure of \$646 million and manpower input of 16 professional and eight technical staff will be involved.

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