

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
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Head: 118 Planning Department      Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (2) District Planning

Controlling Officer: Director of Planning

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Question : Under the “Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2007-08” in Programme (2), it is stated that the Planning Department will refine the urban design framework for Central Reclamation and preparing planning/design briefs for key development sites. Can the Administration inform us of the following:

- (a) the details, resources involved, staffing establishment, targets and time-table of the aforesaid matter?
- (b) whether additional provision of resources are made by the Department in dealing with the matter when compared with 2004-05, 2005-06 and 2006-07 as well as the reasons for and details of such provision?

Asked by : Hon. KWOK Ka-ki

Reply :

A consultancy study entitled the “Central Reclamation Urban Design Study” will be undertaken to refine the existing urban design framework for the Central Reclamation waterfront and to prepare planning/design briefs to guide the detailed development of the key sites in the study area. The study is scheduled to commence in the second quarter of 2007 for completion in end 2007/early 2008. The total estimated expenditure of the study is \$4.45 million. In the study process, extensive public engagement will be conducted and an additional \$1.25 million has been earmarked for this purpose. No additional staffing resources are required as the work relating to the study will be absorbed by existing staff.

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