

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2007-08

**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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Housing, Planning and Lands

Question : Under Programme (2), “reviewing the planning framework and infrastructural requirements for Wan Chai Development Phase II and starting the statutory planning process” is one of the Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2007-08. Can the Administration advise this Committee on:

- (a) the details, resources involved, staffing provision, targets and programming of the aforesaid matter;
- (b) whether the Department has increased or reduced its resources in dealing with the matter when compared with 2004, 2005 and 2006, as well as the reasons for and details of such provision;
- (c) the amount of resources and manpower made available by the Department for adopting the “zero reclamation” option in the “planning framework for Wan Chai Development Phase II” in 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007.

Asked by : Hon. KWOK Ka-ki

Reply :

Following the Court of Final Appeal Judgement on harbour reclamation, the Government has been conducting a review of the planning and engineering proposals of the Wan Chai Development Phase II (WDII Review). To ensure compliance with the Protection of the Harbour Ordinance, the WDII Review has examined various options, including “zero reclamation” and the minimum practicable reclamation option to meet the development need.

Upon the completion of the WDII Review, the statutory planning process will commence in April 2007.

The work will be carried out by existing staff of the Department as part of their normal duties. There is no breakdown on the estimated expenditure for this particular duty.

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