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Question : In 2007-08, the Planning Department will refine the urban design framework for Central Reclamation and prepare planning/design briefs for key development sites. Please inform this Committee of:

- (a) the expenditure involved;
- (b) the expected progress; and
- (c) the actual work involved.

Asked by : Hon. LEONG Kah-kit, Alan

Reply :

- (a) The estimated expenditure of the Central Reclamation Urban Design Study (the Study) is \$4.45 million, excluding expenses on public consultation.
- (b) The Study is expected to commence in the second quarter of 2007 for completion in late 2007. Appointment of a consultant to undertake the Study is underway.
- (c) The main tasks of the Study are to examine the key urban design issues in the study area, to refine the existing urban design framework and concept for the key development sites, and to prepare planning/design briefs for individual sites to guide their development. The community will be extensively engaged in the study process.

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