

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2007-08

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
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Question : Please inform this Committee of the expenditure and manpower resources involved in the "Area Improvement Plan for the Shopping Areas of Mong Kok", and the "Hung Hom District Study" for the years 2006-07 and 2007-08. What is the current progress of the studies and when will they be completed?

Asked by : Hon. LI Kwok-ying

Reply :

Area Improvement Plan for the Shopping Areas of Mong Kok

(a) A breakdown of the expenditure of the study in 2006-07 and 2007-08 is given below:

2006-07 (\$million)	2007-08 (\$million)
1.705	2.442

(b) Analysis of the key issues and problems of the study area has just been completed. The area improvement planning framework and improvement proposals are being formulated. We will carry out public consultation on the proposals between April and June 2007.

(c) The study is scheduled for completion in early 2008.

Hung Hom District Study

(d) A breakdown of the expenditure of the study in 2006-07 and 2007-08 is given below:

2006-07 (\$million)	2007-08 (\$million)
0.128	1.152

- (e) Since the commissioning of the study in December 2006, an inception report setting out the approach and methodology of the study as well as the baseline review of the study area has been completed. A brainstorming session with the stakeholders and local community was carried out in February 2007. Taking into account their views, the study now proceeds to the formulation of a draft District Plan. The public will be further consulted in June/July 2007.
- (f) The study is scheduled for completion by November 2007.

As the studies require multi-disciplinary expertise, we will engage consultants to undertake a major part of the work. The work on steering and managing the consultants is absorbed by existing staff as part of their normal duties.

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