

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2007-08

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Question : The financial provision for 2007-08 is 17% higher than the revised estimate for 2006-07. Please give a detailed account of the various items of expenditure.

Asked by : Hon. TIEN Pei-chun, James

Reply :

The increase in provision of \$13.7 million (17%) in 2007-08 over the revised estimate for 2006-07 is to fund the following:

- (a) creation of one Senior Town Planner and one Town Planner/Assistant Town Planner posts to undertake planning and development studies for Hong Kong's long-term development (\$0.686 million);
- (b) consultancy studies (\$8.747 million) which are Study on Hong Kong Residents Living in the Pearl River Delta Region; Area Improvement Plan for the Shopping Areas of Mong Kok; Planning Study on the Co-ordinated Development of the Greater Pearl River Delta Townships; Land Use Planning for the Closed Area – Feasibility Study; Planning Study on a New Cross-boundary Control Point at Liantang/Heung Yuen Wai; Cross-boundary Travel Survey 2007; and Hung Hom District Study.
- (c) strengthened staffing support for cross-boundary planning work and departmental operating expenses (\$4.216 million).

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