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Question : Please provide details of the Feasibility Study on Land Use Planning for the Closed Area. When is the Study expected to commence and when is it expected to be completed?

Asked by : Hon. WONG Yung-kan

Reply :

The Feasibility Study on Land Use Planning for the Closed Area (the Study) aims to formulate a planning framework to guide the future use of the area (about 2 000 ha) to be excluded from the frontier closed area (FCA). The Study includes an analysis of constraints and opportunities of the area taking account of its environmental, ecological, heritage and socio-economic characteristics, formulation of planning concepts and development proposals, and technical assessments on the impact of the proposals. The findings of the Study will provide necessary input to the preparation of statutory town plans for the area to be excluded from the FCA. Consultants will be appointed to assist in the Study, including the undertaking of environmental and engineering assessments. Work commenced in September 2006 with a series of consultation with relevant stakeholders, including Heung Yee Kuk, relevant District Councils, Rural Committees and Green Groups. The entire study is expected to be completed in mid-2009.

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