

For information

Legislative Council Panel on Planning, Lands and Works

Expenditure relating to Airport Core Programme projects

Purpose

This paper informs Members of the present position on the expenditure of the Airport Core Programme (ACP) projects in response to the concerns raised by PWSC Members when they considered paper PWSC(2002-03)11 on 354CL “West Kowloon Reclamation – consultants’ fees and site investigation” at its meeting on 17 April 2002.

ACP expenditure

2. The Finance Committee had up to 10 May 2002 approved a total of \$49,644 million for government ACP projects on a net basis. The expenditure is \$47,732 million or 96% of the approved total. A summary of the expenditure situation is shown in Table 1. The latest change to the approved funding occurred on 10 May 2002 when the Finance Committee approved an increase in funding for item 354CL from \$250 million by \$37 million to \$287 million in money-of-the-day prices. According to information now available, we do not see the need to seek additional funding for any other government ACP projects.

3. The Finance Committee has approved an equity commitment of \$36,648 million for the new airport. As at 10 May 2002, the Airport Authority (AA) had expended \$49,345 million. Expenditure in excess of the approved equity commitment is funded by the AA’s borrowing programme.

4. The Finance Committee has approved an equity commitment of \$23,700 million for the Mass Transit Railway Corporation (MTRC) (now MTR Corporation Limited) to construct the Airport Railway. As at 10 May 2002, the MTRC had expended \$34,563 million. Expenditure in excess of the approved equity commitment is funded by the MTRC’s borrowing programme.

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Table 1

Summary on ACP Funding and Expenditure
Status as at 10 May 2002
(Money-of-the-day prices in HK\$ Million)

ACP Project	Funds Approved To Date by Finance Committee ⁽¹⁾	Funds Actually Expended To Date
Net Government ACP Expenditure under CWRP with Reimbursements ⁽²⁾	49,644	47,732
New Airport at Chek Lap Kok - AA Related	36,648 ⁽³⁾	49,345
Airport Railway	23,700 ⁽³⁾	34,563

Notes:

- (1) Includes funds for consultancies, works contracts, and land acquisition (including contingencies) approved by the Finance Committee for Capital Works Reserve Fund (CWRP) and Capital Investment Fund (CIF) projects.
- (2) Government projects include government facilities at the new airport, North Lantau Expressway (now renamed as North Lantau Highway), Tung Chung New Town Phase 1, Lantau Link, Route 3 (part), West Kowloon Reclamation, West Kowloon Expressway (now renamed as West Kowloon Highway), Central Reclamation Phase 1, utilities and others. The costs are net of reimbursable Airport Railway and Airport works.
- (3) This represents 100% of the equity commitments to the Airport Railway and the Airport from the CIF; expenditure in excess of the approved equity is funded by the borrowing programmes of the MTRC and the AA.