

The Committee noted that the Audit Commission had conducted a review on the maintenance of public marine facilities.

2. The Committee did not hold any public hearing on this subject. Instead, it asked for a written response to its enquiries.

3. The Committee noted from paragraphs 2.8 to 2.10 of the Director of Audit's Report (Audit Report) that the Civil Engineering and Development Department basically maintained the information related to the maintenance of marine facilities in manual form. A Port Maintenance Information System (PMIS) was launched in February 2006. As at the end of February 2006, data input and conversion were in progress. In paragraph 2.14(b) of the Audit Report, the Audit Commission recommended that the Director of Civil Engineering and Development should closely monitor the implementation of the PMIS with a view to ensuring that it would provide the necessary support for compiling useful management information for the maintenance of public marine facilities. The Committee enquired about the progress of implementing the PMIS and when it would be fully functional.

4. The **Director of Civil Engineering and Development** responded to the Committee's enquiries in his letter of 7 June 2006, in *Appendix 5*. The Committee took note of the information provided therein.