

Legislative Council Panel on Education

343EP – A 24-classroom primary school at the development near Choi Wan Road and Jordan Valley, Kwun Tong

PURPOSE

At the meeting of Legislative Council Panel on Education on 24 October 2005, we briefed Members on our review of the School Building Programme. Members generally supported our recommendation to proceed with school projects for converting existing bi-sessional primary schools to whole-day operation. This paper informs Members of our plan to seek funding approval for a school project, viz. **343EP**, a 24-classroom primary school project at the development near Choi Wan Road and Jordan Valley, Kwun Tong at estimated cost of \$102.5 million in money-of-the day (MOD) prices. The project **343EP** will be submitted to the Legislative Council Public Works Subcommittee for consideration on 6 June 2007.

JUSTIFICATIONS

2. It is Government's policy to implement whole-day schooling for virtually all primary school students as soon as practicable. In the 2006/07 school year, the provision of whole-day primary school places has reached 90%. To facilitate implementation of the policy, we now have seven primary school projects under planning, including **343EP**.
3. The new premises under **343EP** will provide 24 classrooms as well as other facilities to accommodate one session of an existing bi-sessional primary school, and in so doing enable both sessions to switch to whole-day operation. The existing bi-sessional school needs additional premises to turn whole-day since it currently operates 42 classes in two sessions from a 24-classroom building.
4. Since the project is meant to facilitate an existing bi-sessional primary school to switch to whole-day operation, it will not affect the overall supply of primary school places.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5. The capital cost of **343EP** is \$102.5 million. We have derived the MOD estimates for the project, which is planned to commence in December 2007, on the basis of the Government's latest forecast of trend rate of change in the prices for public sector building and construction output for the period from 2007 to 2012. The estimated construction unit cost represented by the building and the building services costs is \$6,778/m² for **343EP** in September 2006 prices. We consider this comparable to similar school projects built by the Government. Facilities of the new school premises are at the Enclosure.

6. We estimate that the annual recurrent expenditure would be \$20.2 million for **343EP**.

IMPLEMENTATION TIMETABLE

7. Subject to the funding approval of the Finance Committee, we plan to start the construction works of the project **343EP** in December 2007 for completion in August 2009.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

8. We consulted the Legislative Council Panel on Education on 24 October 2005 on our review of allocated projects in the School Building Programme. The Panel supported our recommendation to proceed with school projects including **343EP** for converting existing bi-sessional primary schools to whole-day operation.

9. We also consulted the Kwun Tong District Council on **343EP** on 17 April 2007. Members of the Council supported the project.

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Facilities of the new school premises proposed under 343EP

	Facilities	343EP
(a)	classrooms;	24
(b)	special rooms, including a computer-assisted learning room and a language room;	6
(c)	small group teaching rooms;	4
(d)	a guidance activity room;	1
(e)	interview rooms;	2
(f)	a staff room;	1
(g)	a staff common room;	1
(h)	a student activity centre;	1
(i)	a conference room;	1
(j)	a library;	1
(k)	an assembly hall (which can also be used for a wide range of physical activities such as badminton, gymnastics and table-tennis);	1
(l)	a multi-purpose area;	1
(m)	basketball courts at ground level;	2
(n)	a running track ¹ ;	1
(o)	a green corner ² ; and	1
(p)	ancillary facilities, including a lift and relevant facilities for the handicapped.	available

¹ Making optimal use of the space of the campus, a running track will be provided.

² The green corner is a designated area inside the campus to enable students to develop an interest in horticulture and natural environment. The green corner may include a green-house, a weather station and planting beds.