

**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
PANEL ON DEVELOPMENT**

**Briefing by the Secretary for Development on the Chief Executive's 2017  
Policy Address and the overall land supply situation**

**Follow-up Actions Arising from the Discussion  
at the Meeting on 24 January 2017**

Supplementary information requested by the Panel on Development on 24 February 2017 is provided below.

**Land use**

**(h) the justification for proposing to use the Wan Chai Sports Ground for comprehensive development, including convention and exhibition venues, whereas land in Lantau had been reserved for the expansion of Asia World Expo;**

2. The Government commissioned in 2014 a consultancy study to assess the demand for convention and exhibition (C&E) facilities in Hong Kong during the 15-year period between 2014 and 2028. The result indicates that by 2028 there will be a shortfall of about 132 000 square metres of C&E venues in Hong Kong at peak periods. To maintain the competitiveness of Hong Kong's C&E industry, the Government has all along been exploring different options to increase the floor area of C&E venues. Among them, the Government will construct a convention centre above the Exhibition Station of the Shatin-to-Central Link (SCL) upon the latter's completion. The West Kowloon Cultural District (WKCD) Authority is also considering the idea of developing a medium-sized multi-purpose venue for exhibition, convention and performance purposes through private sector investment in the western part of WKCD. In addition, land has been reserved for expansion of the AsiaWorld-Expo (AWE) on the airport island.

3. However, we estimate that even with the topside development above the Exhibition Station of the SCL, C&E facilities in WKCD and AWE expansion, the demand for C&E venues in Hong Kong at peak periods in 2028 still cannot be satisfied. Therefore, the Government has to continue to explore other sites for constructing or expanding C&E facilities. The Home Affairs Bureau plans to build and improve a number of sports and recreation facilities in the coming five years. In view of such plan, the Government considers that

the feasibility of comprehensive development at the Wan Chai Sports Ground site can be examined. The proposal is an initial one. The Government will consider further when the outcome of the feasibility study is available.

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