

Panel on Development
Follow-up Issues of the Meeting held on 18 July 2018

Pier Improvement Programme

At the meeting on 18 July 2018, the Panel on Development discussed the LC Paper No. CB(1)1242/17-18(02) on the policy initiative of Pier Improvement Programme and the proposal to seek approval from the Finance Committee to create a new block allocation Subhead 5102CX – Pier Improvement Programme under Head 705 – Civil Engineering.

The Administration was requested to provide information on -

- (a) of the existing 26 block allocation subheads under the Capital Works Reserve Fund, list out the three subheads with no financial limit and the subhead being subject to a financial ceiling of \$75 million in spending on each item;
- (b) whether the improvement works under PIP would cover the provision of ancillary facilities such as public toilets and ticketing booths, as well as enhancement of the telecommunication infrastructure, road access leading to the piers and the cleanliness of the piers; and
- (c) the justifications of including Yi O Pier in the first implementation phase of PIP, and whether the Administration had planned to develop Yi O into a tourism district.

This note sets out our response to the request as follows: -

- (a) Of the existing 26 block allocation subheads, the three subheads with no financial limit and the subhead being subject to a financial ceiling of \$75 million in spending on each item are tabulated below: -

Head	Subhead	Financial Ceiling
701 Land Acquisition	1004CA “Compensation for surrenders and resumptions: miscellaneous”	without a financial limit
701 Land Acquisition	1100CA “Compensation and ex-gratia allowances in respect of projects in the Public Works Programme	without a financial limit
705 Civil Engineering	5001BX “Landslip preventive measures”	without a financial limit
706 Highways	6101TX “Universal Accessibility Programme”	financial ceiling of \$75 million for each item

- (b) The Civil Engineering and Development Department is actively undertaking the consultancy studies for the pier improvement items under the first phase of PIP, which include assessing the need and feasibility of provisioning ancillary facilities at public piers, such as installing electronic display panels, drinking fountains, GovWiFi services and barrier-free access facilities, etc, and exploring the need and feasibility of carrying out other enhancement works in the vicinity of the public piers, such as installing additional streetlights, repairing existing footpaths connected to the piers, and providing public toilets and ticketing booths, etc.

- (c) The Development Bureau, together with relevant bureau and departments, has established the “Committee on Piers”, have taken into account a host of factors and included the Yi O Pier in the first implementation phase of PIP. These factors include structural and public safety concerns, accessibility of nearby natural and heritage scenic attractions, utilization rate and availability of alternative transport, requests from locals and districts, and technical feasibility. The pier improvement works at Yi O could enhance safety standard of the public pier and facilitate accessibility of local people and visitors to the well-known hiking route - "Lantau Trail" for leisure activities.

To our knowledge, the Administration has no plan to develop Yi O into a tourism district.

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