

NOTE FOR PUBLIC WORKS SUBCOMMITTEE OF FINANCIAL COMMITTEE

Supplementary information on 469CL - South East Kowloon Development at Kai Tak Airport : early development package

INTRODUCTION

When the Administration briefed the Planning, Lands and Works Panel of the Legislative Council on 10th and 17th September 1998 on the proposed partial upgrading of **469CL** for site investigations and detailed design of infrastructure for housing development in the north apron area of Kai Tak Airport, some Members expressed concern that -

- (a) the proposed project might bind the Legislative Council to agree to the entire South East Kowloon Development; and
- (b) expenses incurred might become abortive should the rest of the South East Kowloon Development be amended subsequently.

THE ADMINISTRATION'S RESPONSE

2. Approval of the proposed site investigation and detailed design for the North Apron of the former Kai Tak Airport will not bind the Legislative Council to approve funding for the rest of the South East Kowloon Development. The South East Kowloon Development is divided into four distinct development packages which are to be developed in stages. This will provide sufficient flexibility for any necessary changes that might need to be made to the South East Kowloon Development in future.

3. The proposal to partially upgrade **469CL** does not involve any actual construction work. It covers site investigation and detailed design of basic infrastructure to enable the North Apron to be developed for housing. Most of this infrastructure will be required regardless of the ultimate land-use of the rest of the development area. Possible land use changes in the remainder of the South East Kowloon Development which impact upon the North Apron development can be accommodated in the detailed design process for the latter. It is therefore most unlikely that the site investigation and detailed design expenses for the North Apron will become abortive.

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