

ITEM FOR PUBLIC WORKS SUBCOMMITTEE OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

Supplementary information on 13EA - Redevelopment of Heep Yunn Primary School at No. 1 Farm Road, Kowloon

INTRODUCTION

When Members considered paper PWSC(98-99)71 on **13EA** – Redevelopment of Heep Yunn Primary School at No. 1 Farm Road, Kowloon at the Public Works Subcommittee meeting on 24 February 1999, the Administration undertook to -

- (a) provide some information on the history of Heep Yunn Primary School; and
- (b) report on the viability of modifying the design of the roof-top of the proposed new school building with a view to providing more recreational facilities without affecting its schedule for completion and operation.

THE ADMINISTRATION'S RESPONSE

2. As regards (a) above, Heep Yunn Primary School was built in 1954 with nine classrooms and two special rooms. The school is now operating in bi-sessional mode with 18 classes.

3. As regards (b) above, we have consulted the school and asked the consultant to carry out a feasibility study on Members' suggestion. The school has no objection in principle to the suggestion but requests that the additional works will not delay the scheduled completion of the project by July 2001. Timely completion of the project is necessary to avoid disruption to the operation of the school.

4. The consultant has initially assessed that it is technically feasible to provide a basketball court or open playground on the roof of the new school building. However, this will be subject to the condition that the revised building plans and foundation plans comply with the statutory requirements of the building and fire services regulations. The consultant envisages that the technical drawings and plans will be available by early June 1999. As works on the project have to commence no later than the end of June 1999 in order to meet the target for the completion of the project by July 2001, the Administration will proceed with the construction of the school on the basis of the original scope of works, but in parallel to explore the feasibility of providing recreational facilities on the roof of the proposed building.

5. The consultant has estimated that the proposal will incur an additional cost of about \$2 million which can be absorbed by the original project estimate.

6. For Members' reference, the new Heep Yunn Primary School, even under the original scope of redevelopment, will still have ample facilities⁽¹⁾ for students' recreation, as follows -

- (a) a covered playground/multi-purpose area;
- (b) a student activity centre;
- (c) three basketball courts;
- (d) an indoor sports complex;
- (e) a swimming pool; and
- (f) a tennis court.

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⁽¹⁾ (c) to (f) will be shared with the secondary section.