

NOTE FOR PUBLIC WORKS SUBCOMMITTEE OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

Supplementary information on 367RO - Jordan Valley Playground, phase 2, stage 2

INTRODUCTION

At the Public Works Subcommittee meeting held on 16 February 2000, Members considered paper referenced PWSC(1999-2000)98 on **367RO** - Jordan Valley Playground, phase 2, stage 2 and noted that the development of a morning trail along the hillside as part of the project would depend upon the geotechnical condition of the adjoining slope to the eastern end of the Jordan Valley Leisure Pool. The Administration undertook to conduct a feasibility study on the proposed morning trail and report the findings in three months.

THE ADMINISTRATION'S RESPONSE

2. We have completed the feasibility study and consider it feasible to proceed with the morning trail provided some slope upgrading works are completed. This is necessary because the slope adjacent to the proposed morning trail does not meet current safety standards¹. The slope upgrading works would involve some tree felling and loss of vegetation but we will make efforts to soften these impacts with extensive compensatory tree planting.

3. The slope upgrading works and the construction of the morning trail would entail an additional \$20 million in capital expenditure. We will try as far as possible to accommodate the additional cost within the approved project

/estimate

¹ The factor of safety of the slope at the project site of **367RO** varies from 1.15 to less than 1.4 (slope with higher factor of safety is less likely to fail) as against the prevailing standard of 1.4 laid down in the Geotechnical Manual for Slopes issued by the Geotechnical Control Office of Civil Engineering Department.

estimate of \$70.1 million for **367RO**. If we cannot do so we will seek additional funding in the usual way.

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