

For information

Legislative Council Panel on Education

307EP – An 18-classroom Primary School at Tai Pak Tin Street, Kwai Chung

PURPOSE

At the Legislative Council Panel on Education on 24 October 2005, we briefed Members on our review of the School Building Programme. Members generally supported our recommendation to proceed with school projects for converting existing bi-sessional primary schools to whole-day operation. This paper informs Members of our plan to seek funding approval for one of those school projects, i.e. the construction of an 18-classroom primary school at Tai Pak Tin Street, Kwai Chung at an estimated cost of \$91.1 million in money-of-the-day (MOD) prices. The project will be considered by the Legislative Council Public Works Subcommittee on 22 November 2006.

JUSTIFICATIONS

2. It is Government's policy to implement whole-day primary schooling for virtually all primary school students by the 2007/08 school year. In the 2006/07 school year, 90% of primary school places are in the whole-day mode. To facilitate implementation of the policy, we have included in our School Building Programme 16 school projects under planning, including **307EP**.

3. Members noted in October 2005 that **307EP** would only proceed if the bi-sessional primary school in Kwai Tsing district allocated the school premises could maintain its student enrolment in the 2006/07 school year at least at the level in the previous school year. Since this condition has been fulfilled, we would proceed with **307EP** to enable the school to move one of its sessions to the new premises and convert into whole-day operation. The project is scheduled for completion in January 2009.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4. The capital cost of the project is estimated to be \$91.1 million in MOD prices. We have derived the MOD estimates on the basis of the Government's latest forecast of trend rate of change in the prices of public sector building and construction output for the period 2007 to 2011. The estimated construction unit cost,

represented by the building and building services costs, is \$6,257 per m² of construction floor area in September 2006 prices. We consider this comparable to similar projects built by the Government. Facilities of the new school premises are at the Enclosure.

5. We estimate the annual recurrent expenditure for **307EP** to be \$15.3 million.

IMPLEMENTATION TIMETABLE

6. Subject to the funding approval of the Finance Committee, we plan to start the construction works in April 2007 for completion in January 2009.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

7. As set out in paragraph 1 above, we consulted the Legislative Council Panel on Education on 24 October 2005 on our review of allocated projects in the School Building Programme.

8. We also consulted the Kwai Tsing District Council on 10 October 2006. Members of the Council supported the project.

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Facilities¹ of the new school premises proposed under 307EP

- (a) 18 classrooms;
- (b) six special rooms, including a computer-assisted learning room and a language room;
- (c) three small group teaching rooms;
- (d) a guidance activity room;
- (e) an interview room;
- (f) a staff room;
- (g) a staff common room;
- (h) a student activity centre;
- (i) a conference room;
- (j) a library;
- (k) an assembly hall (which can be used for a wide range of physical activities such as badminton, gymnastics and table-tennis);
- (l) a multi-purpose area;
- (m) one basketball court at roof top; and
- (n) ancillary accommodation, including a lift and relevant facilities for the handicapped.

¹ A running track is not provided due to site constraints. The space on the ground floor is too small for proper running activities that require some distance for acceleration and deceleration.