

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Head: (703) Capital Works Reserve Fund: Buildings

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Programme: Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services (Ms Michelle LI)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Will the Government subsidise the Southern District Council for the construction of part of a trail along the waterfront connecting Aberdeen with Kennedy Town as recommended by a consultancy report completed in 2012, in particular, the footbridge at Waterfall Bay connecting Wah Fu with Cyberport Road? If so, what are the details? If not, what are the reasons? What is the estimated expenditure of the works?

Asked by: Hon TO Kun-sun, James (Member Question No. 67)

Reply:

According to Rule 49 of the Finance Committee Procedures, special meetings of the Finance Committee are convened to examine the annual Estimates of Expenditure prepared by the Government in support of the Appropriation Bill.

Expenditure charged to the Capital Works Reserve Fund do not form part of the Appropriation Bill. As such, questions relating to expenditure under the Fund are not relevant to the examination of the Estimates of Expenditure or the Appropriation Bill.

In 2012, the Southern District Council (SDC) proposed that a promenade from Kennedy Town to Aberdeen be constructed, and the Council has since then deliberated on the feasibility, scope and phased implementation of the proposed project. It was agreed in principle in November 2013 to carry out a preliminary feasibility study of an extension of the Waterfall Bay Park, which is managed by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD), with the construction of a pedestrian link with Cyberport Road. LCSD will provide input to the assessment of the feasibility of the proposal and its estimated cost to facilitate SDC in deliberating the way forward and exploring the possibility of undertaking the project as a district minor works in accordance with the established mechanism.

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