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Question:

It is mentioned by the Government that it will examine and provide comments on the proposals in the master renewal plans (MRPs) of the two district studies conducted by the Urban Renewal Authority for Sham Shui Po and Tsuen Wan. In this regard, will the Government inform this Committee of the following:

1. What are the dedicated manpower and salary expenditure to be involved in 2026-27 for examination of the aforesaid proposals in the MRPs of the two district studies? Does the examination exercise involve engagement of external consultants for independent assessments? If yes, what is the estimated consultancy fee involved?
2. Please list in table form the specific work schedule and major milestones for the examination of the proposals in the MRPs of the two district studies by the Government.

Asked by: Hon KWOK Fu-yung (LegCo internal reference no.: 20)

Reply:

The Urban Renewal Authority (URA) commenced the district planning studies for Sham Shui Po and Tsuen Wan in 2022. The studies aimed to formulate master renewal plans for the two old districts by restructuring land uses and replanning underutilised land, so as to address the needs of urban renewal, demographic changes and future development. The plans of the two studies were submitted by the URA to the Government at the end of 2025. Relevant Government bureaux/departments (B/Ds) are currently examining and providing comments on the concerned proposals. The URA will refine the proposals based on the Government's comments before submitting the final reports. In light of the final reports of the two studies, the Planning Department (PlanD) will undertake follow-up work accordingly, including amending the Outline Zoning Plans in a timely manner, and providing assistance in the implementation of the URA's development plans and projects, etc.

Since 2022, the relevant examination work for the two studies has been undertaken by staff of PlanD and other Government B/Ds as part of their overall duties. Therefore, the Department is unable to provide a separate breakdown of the manpower and expenditure

involved solely for this task. Moreover, the Department has not engaged external consultants to conduct independent assessments regarding the relevant examination work.

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