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Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2009-10

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO

INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

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Head : 703 – Buildings

Subhead : 3006GA HKSAR's Participation in the
World Exposition 2010 Shanghai
China – Hong Kong Pavilion

Programme :

Controlling Officer : Director of Architectural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs

Question : The approved project estimate for the World Exposition 2010 Shanghai China – Hong Kong Pavilion is \$145 million. With just \$8 million for the revised estimate in 2008-09 and \$70 million for the estimate in 2009-10, the commencement and progress of the project might be affected. In this connection, please advise on the following:

- (a) The current progress and timetable of the project.
- (b) What plans does the Administration have to help expedite the planning, commencement and progress of the project? Please give the details.
- (c) Please list the items, human resources and expenditure allocation expected to be involved in the project according to the current progress.

Asked by : Hon. LAU Sau-shing, Patrick

Reply : (a) A design-and-build contract was awarded in December 2008 for the Hong Kong Pavilion in World Exposition 2010 Shanghai. Design development and site preparation works are in progress. Construction commencement is targeted for May 2009.

- (b) The Architectural Services Department's management and project team has been reinforced with extra architectural and building services support to work closely with the design-and-build contractor and co-ordination meetings with the Shanghai Expo Bureau are held to facilitate smooth progress for both design submissions and site works. In conjunction with Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau, the team will closely oversee the progress of the Hong Kong Pavilion.

(c) A breakdown of the approved project estimate is as follows:

| | <u>\$ million</u> |
|--|-------------------|
| Building works | 39.30 |
| Fitting out works | 21.00 |
| Exhibits | 43.50 |
| Consultants and inspection | 2.70 |
| Contingencies | 10.00 |
| Provision for inflation, Renminbi fluctuation | <u>28.90</u> |
| | <u>145.40</u> |

With the works being carried out in Shanghai, we estimate that the project will create a total of 13 jobs for Hong Kong consultants, comprising six professional and seven technical staff, totalling 320 man-months.

Signature _____

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Date _____ 16 March 2009