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Assessment of Employment Impact of Policy Measures in CE's 2005 Policy Address

Introduction

At the fifth EEC meeting held in February 2005, Members were informed that the LegCo Manpower Panel had asked for information on the impact of policy measures in the CE's 2005 Policy Address on job creation.

2. Many of the initiatives under the Policy Address would help promote employment and create jobs in areas such as public works projects, speeding up urban renewal and redevelopment, building maintenance/renovation, implementation of greening initiatives, and further development of tourism, recycling and creative industries. The meeting agreed that bureaux/departments should be asked to report to EEC at regular intervals on the number of jobs to be created because of their policy measures.

Assessment of employment impact

..... 3. **Annex** is a consolidated account of the assessments (*up to mid August 2005*) of the employment impact of the related initiatives for Members' information.

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**Employment Opportunities Arising from
Measures set out in the 2005 Policy Address**

Measure	Estimated Jobs Involved	Estimated Expenditure	Period	Source of Information	Coordinating/ Policy Bureau
1. Hong Kong Disneyland	Construction period : 11 000 construction industry jobs Theme Park and the associated hotel, catering and retail businesses : 18 000 <i>(including direct and indirect jobs)</i>	Unknown	Open in September 2005	Policy Address, para. 29	EDLB(TC)
2. 34 new hotels	Construction period : over 10 000 construction industry posts Upon opening : about 8 000 service industry jobs	Unknown	2005 – 2008	Policy Address, para. 29	EDLB(TC)
3. Airlines in HK enlarging their fleets	About 3 000 jobs	Unknown	2005 – 2006	Policy Address, para. 29	EDLB(EDB)
4. EcoPark	Construction period : about 200 jobs Full operation : about 750 jobs	\$ 316 million construction costs	Phase I: Open at end of 2006	Policy Address, para. 48	EPD
5. \$29 billion capital works	45 000 jobs <i>(41 000 construction workers, 4 200 professional and technician jobs)</i> [This figure has included the number of posts brought forth by the measures at Item 6 & 7 below]	\$ 29 billion	Per year	Policy Address, para. 30	ETWB (WB)

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6. Deck over 16 sections of nullahs	About 700 construction industry jobs <i>(Included in the figure under Item 5 above)</i>	\$ 1.2 billion	2005 – 2014	Policy Address, para. 53	ETWB (WB)
7. Municipal projects <i>(25 projects with priority)</i>	About 3 000 construction industry jobs <i>(Included in the figure under Item 5 above)</i>	\$ 4.4 billion	Coming few years	Policy Address, para. 60	HAB
8. Extend temporary contract jobs in the public sector	Over 10 000 jobs <i>(as at end of July 2005)</i>	880 million	April 2005 – March 2006	Policy Address, para. 30	EDLB /LD
9. CEPA <i>(including Individual Visit Scheme)</i>	About 29 000 jobs [Due to the way the data were collected in the CEPA study, we could not rule out the possibility of double counting but the extent should not be very great.]	Unknown	2004 – 2005	Policy Address, para. 73 - 76	CITB(CIB)
10. Cultural and creative industry : - establish an incubator to facilitate creation of television games	250-300 jobs	\$ 30 million	End of 2005 to end of 2008	Policy Address, para. 86	CITB (OGCIO and ITC)

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11. Urban Renewal – Building Repair and Maintenance	<p><u>The Building Management and Maintenance Scheme of the Hong Kong Housing Society</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> annually providing about 2 500 building management and maintenance related jobs (<i>more than 1 200 jobs have been provided during February to mid-August 2005</i>) 	Totally \$3 billion (<i>for a period of 10 years, and expected to assist 800 buildings annually</i>)	2005 - 2015	Policy Address, para. 92	HPLB
	<p><u>The Urban Renewal Authority's building rehabilitation works</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> annually providing about 800 building management and maintenance related jobs (<i>more than 500 jobs have been provided during January to mid-August 2005</i>) 	Totally \$253million (<i>for a period of 5 years, and expected to assist about 700 buildings in the 5- year period</i>)	2005 – 2010	Policy Address, para. 92	HPLB
Total	Over 138 550 *				

* Inclusive of about 66 200 jobs for construction period.