The Home Affairs Bureau responded to the conclusions of the report submitted by
the Specialist Advisor commissioned by the Legislative Council Subcommittee on
West Kowloon Cultural District Development at a Subcommittee meeting today (May

A spokesman for the Home Affairs Bureau said that the Chief Executive
appointed the Consultative Committee on the Core Arts and Cultural Facilities of the
West Kowloon Cultural District (Consultative Committee) in April 2006 to
re-examine and re-confirm, if appropriate, the need of the core arts and cultural
facilities for the West Kowloon Cultural District (WKCD). Since then, the LegCo
Subcommittee has convened a total of 26 meetings, including seven meetings held
between April 2006 and August 2007, as well as 19 meetings held during the period
from September 2007 (when the Government launched the Public Engagement
Exercise on the WKCD project) till now (i.e. up to the end of May 2008).

The spokesman said, "The financing approach for the WKCD project and the
WKCD Authority Bill currently proposed by the Government are based on the
recommendations of the Consultative Committee, which have already taken into
account the Subcommittee's comments on the WKCD project and its financing
arrangement."

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