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Question (Member Question No. 43):

Regarding the marine works associated with the new town extensions and the planning for new development areas, please provide the following information:

- (a) - Under the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge (HZMB) project, what are the respective sizes of the land reclamation, the fishing ground consequently lost and the restricted zone subsequently established to ensure navigation and aviation safety?
- (b) - What are the development details, staffing establishment and expenditure for fishery planning associated with the marine works concerned? What are the percentages these items account for in the total expenditure?

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Reply:

The HZMB local related projects involve about 170 hectares of reclamation. In general, apart from the reclamation area, there will be no loss of fishing ground. There is no additional restricted area for navigation or aviation control arising from the projects.

The Highways Department (HyD) has been maintaining close liaison with local fisherman organisations on measures to enhance fishery operation and protection of marine life in the vicinity of the project sites. The HyD has been deploying existing staff to oversee the matter.