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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
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Question : What is the progress of the study on emissions trading jointly carried out with the Guangdong authorities? What is the expenditure involved?

Asked by : Hon. CHOY So-yuk

Reply : The Hong Kong SAR Government and Guangdong Provincial Government have agreed to study the feasibility of an emissions trading pilot scheme among some power stations in Hong Kong and in the Pearl River Delta Region. Under the Hong Kong - Guangdong Joint Working Group on Sustainable Development and Environmental Protection, a Special Panel on Pearl River Delta Air Quality Management and Monitoring has been set up, among other things, to study the feasibility of the emissions trading pilot scheme. Our target is to have the system under which the pilot scheme will run set up by 2006-07.

We have earmarked \$0.5 million to support the study through hiring of services and so far we have used \$0.15 million of it.

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