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TEXT: AN economist yesterday criticised the Government for its inefficiency and poor co-ordination which resulted in delays in capital works and increases in project costs.

Mr Law Cheung-kwok, the spokesman on economic affairs for the Association for Democracy and People's Livelihood, said the heavy underspending of about \$7 billion on capital works projects this financial year showed how serious the problem was.

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"There has been underspending for the past several years. It's only this year the amount being underspent is particularly high," Mr Law said.

He said taxpayers would eventually pay more for the capital works projects which were not carried out as planned last year - a year in which construction costs were comparatively low due to a quiet market.

The heavy underspending also raised questions about the financial management of the Government, he said.

He wondered why some departments which were allocated the funds they requested were allowed to leave the money idle while others, such as the Social Welfare Department, which needed the resources could not get what they wanted.

Mr Law, research director of South China Brokerage, also accused the Government of not giving enough attention to the problem.

To overcome the problem, the Government is to appoint a Director of Public Works to ensure the money earmarked for public works is spent according to the schedules.

A partner of Ernst & Young, Mr Stephen Lau Sing-hung, said delays in the airport projects would result in inflated costs in the years to come.

Mr Lau said: "Airport projects have been slowed down this year. If a deal on the new airport can be reached this year, the money earmarked for it would have to be spent.

"With high inflation, the expenditure on the airport projects will be estimated to be higher. This may bring about even higher deficits for the coming years than expected."

The inflation rate, Mr Lau predicted, would stay at two-digit level when the airport projects gradually picked up and the stock and property markets heated up, to be coupled with the listing of several big Chinese companies in Hongkong this year.

The comments were made after a public forum on budgetary proposals for the coming fiscal year.

Speakers at the forum all agreed that personal tax allowance should be raised but were divided on whether whether corporate tax should be increased as well.

Mr Lau and executive committee member of the Chinese Manufacturers' Association of Hongkong Mr Lui Ming-wah were concerned about the unfavourable psychological effect on investors especially time when Hongkong was heading for high budget deficits.

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