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- <u>Question</u>: What are the details of the transport and planning studies with railway planning input provided by the Highways Department in 2005? What are the details and the estimated expenditure of the studies in 2006?
- Asked by : Hon. LAU Kong-wah
- <u>Reply</u>: In 2005, railway development planning input was provided to the following transport and planning studies
 - (a) Hong Kong 2030 Planning Vision and Strategy;
 - (b) Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge Feasibility Study;
 - (c) Planning Study on the Co-ordinated Development of the Greater Pearl River Delta Township;
 - (d) Hong Kong Section of Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge and Connection with North Lantau Highway - Investigation;
 - (e) Lantau Logistics Park Development Feasibility Study;
 - (f) Restructuring and Enhancement of the Third Comprehensive Transport Study Model - Feasibility Study;
 - (g) Study on Impact of West Island Line on Other Public Transport Modes
 - (h) Kai Tak Planning Review;
 - (i) Wan Chai Development Phase II Planning and Engineering Review; and
 - (j) Strategic Highway Project Review-2005 (including impact of South Island Line on Route 4).

In 2006, the Highways Department will continue to provide railway development planning input to the above and other studies as and when requested by other bureaux and departments. The input is provided by in-house staff. No additional resource is required.

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