

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

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Programme : (3) Railway Development

Controlling Officer : Director of Highways

Director of Bureau : Secretary for the Environment, Transport and Works

Question : As the Highways Department will facilitate the planning and design of the Sha Tin to Central Link, please provide the latest progress of the formulation of the Sha Tin to Central Link, including the updated alignment, cost, dates of commencement and implementation. What is the Department's anticipated scope of work in 2006-07 and can the commencement schedule of the works be confirmed in 2006-07?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Hok-ming

Reply : The Administration is assessing the proposed Sha Tin to Central Link (SCL) scheme of Kowloon-Canton Railway Corporation (KCRC) and the proposed SCL scheme in the joint report submitted by KCRC and the MTR Corporation Limited on the possible merger. The intention is to decide the way forward for the SCL together with the way forward for the possible merger.

In 2006-07, the Highways Department will continue to take forward the SCL project in conjunction with the relevant bureaux and other government departments.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Name in block letters \_\_\_\_\_ MAK CHAI KWONG

Post Title \_\_\_\_\_ Director of Highways

Date \_\_\_\_\_ 11 March 2006