

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

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Programme : (3) Railway Development

Controlling Officer : Director of Highways

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Question : The Highways Department will appropriate \$1 million for the planning studies carried out by consultants in 2006-07. Please detail the specific objectives, subject matters and schedules of the studies.

Asked by : Hon. LI Fung-ying

Reply : The proposed planning study, to be carried out by a consultant, serves to update the transport model now currently adopted by the Highways Department for railway planning. The key objective of the study is to enhance the existing in-house transport model by keeping pace with the latest technology and parameters in transportation and land-use planning so that new railway projects can be planned in a more holistic manner. It is anticipated that the study will commence in end 2006 for completion in mid 2007.

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