

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Question : Please advise on the progress and anticipated completion date of the item 6787TH "Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge Hong Kong Section and North Lantau Highway Connection - investigation and preliminary design".

Asked by : Hon. LAU Chin-shek

Reply : The Highways Department is actively taking forward Public Works Programme Item 6787TH for the investigation and preliminary design study for the section of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge (HZMB) within Hong Kong and for the North Lantau Highway Connection (NLHC). The Department is now evaluating the possible alignment options for the NLHC, and has started consulting the relevant stakeholders on them. The Department plans to complete the current round of public consultation on the NLHC, including consultation with the Legislative Council Panel on Transport, by around mid 2006. The Department has also commenced various impact assessments including traffic and environmental assessments. The work will tie in with the overall programme of the HZMB.

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