

**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 :

Regarding the performance targets under the captioned programme, would the Government inform this Committee of the following:

What are the reasons for the slow progress in formulating, negotiating and agreeing on the detailed implementation plans for the Shatin to Central Link in 2006-07? Please provide an update on the progress in terms of the latest alignment, the construction cost, the commencement date of construction and the anticipated completion date at this stage.

Asked by : Hon. CHENG Kar-foo, Andrew

Reply :

The Government is examining the Kowloon-Canton Railway Corporation's proposal on the Shatin to Central Link (SCL) and the proposed scheme under the merger of the two railway systems in the light of the impact brought by the various infrastructural projects being planned along the SCL alignment. The Government has not yet made any decision on the scheme for implementation.

The alignment, programme and construction cost of the SCL will depend on, among others, the progress of the Kai Tak Planning Review and the Wan Chai Development Phase II Review, in order to meet the transport needs of the community more effectively. The proposal has yet to be finalised.

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Post Title _____ Director of Highways _____

Date _____ 16 March 2007 _____