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Question :

In 2007-08, the Administration will continue to assist in the preparatory work for the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge project. Please provide details in this respect.

Asked by : Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply :

The HZMB Advance Work Co-ordination Group (AWCG) set up by the three governments of Guangdong, Hong Kong, and Macao has already reached agreement on the alignment and landing points of the HZMB. The feasibility study for the HZMB, which covers over 20 different topical studies, has been substantially completed. Currently, the two remaining issues that require further studies are the locations of boundary crossing facilities (BCF) and financing arrangements. The AWCG has commissioned the China Highway Planning and Design Institute to conduct the relevant studies, with a view to finalising the feasibility study report and submitting it for approval by the Central People's Government (CPG) as soon as possible. Relevant follow-up work will commence after approval has been given by the CPG.

On another front, we have already commenced an investigation and preliminary design study for the North Lantau Highways Connection (NLHC), which will connect the bridge to the local transport network. We are now evaluating the possible alignment options for the NLHC, and assessing the impact of the project, including the traffic and the environment aspects. We will continue to monitor the progress of the preparatory work for the NLHC and ensure that the construction of the NLHC ties in with the progress of the HZMB project.

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