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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Question :

The Administration has indicated that the Shatin to Central Link (SCL) is being reviewed in the context of the impending merger of the Mass Transit Railway and Kowloon-Canton Railway systems. However, there have been some reports about the possibility that only a Shatin to Hung Hom Link would be constructed first for the SCL project. Please advise on the effect of any changes in the alignment of the SCL on the relevant estimates.

Asked by : Hon. TAM Heung-man

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. 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 in a more effective manner.

Signature _____

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Date _____ 16 March 2007