

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2007-08  
**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
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Question :

Regarding the Estimate for 2007-08, please provide information about the resources to be spent on carrying out studies to formulate plans for the further development of the railway network. Will these studies cover the interface arrangements with the railway network in the Mainland? If yes, please provide a list of these studies and the details.

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Hok-ming

Reply :

In 2007, apart from the existing in-house resources, we will also employ consultants to carry out a study to enhance and update the existing Railway Development Study (RDS) Model by adopting the updated transport parameters. The estimated cost of the study is about \$1.3 million and the study will take about one year to complete. The enhanced RDS Model will be used for railway planning and development.

Regarding studies on cross-boundary rail projects, the Government is now planning the Northern Link and the Hong Kong Section of the Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link. The Kowloon-Canton Railway Corporation is embarking on a study for implementating these projects with a view to submitting project proposals to the Government in mid 2007.

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