

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

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Question:

Regarding the targets set for the purpose of measuring performance, what are the reasons for the relatively low percentage of cumulative progress for “formulating, negotiating and agreeing on detailed implementation plans for the Shatin to Central Link” in 2007-08? Please give an update on the progress of the project by providing information on the latest alignment, the construction cost, the commencement date and the anticipated completion date at this stage.

Asked by: Hon. CHENG Kar-foo, Andrew

Reply:

The Shatin to Central Link (SCL) has major interfaces with the Kai Tak Development, Wan Chai Development Phase II and the Central – Wan Chai Bypass. The planning of the SCL in the past year has to take into consideration the development of these projects.

The Government has asked the MTR Corporation Limited to proceed with the further planning and design of the SCL project. We hope that the construction of the SCL can commence in 2010 for the Tai Wai to Hung Hom section to be completed in 2015 and the cross harbour section to be completed in 2019. The estimated cost of the project is about \$37.4 billion (in 2007 prices).

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