

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

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Programme: (3) Railway Development

Controlling Officer: Director of Highways

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Transport and Housing

Question:

The Highways Department will facilitate the further planning of the South Island Line. Will the Government advise:

1. whether the Administration will examine the feasibility of constructing the South Island Line (West) when planning for the South Island Line (East)? If yes, what are the details? If not, what are the reasons? and
2. in examining the South Island Line (East) project, the criteria that will be used to determine whether there is a need to build a station at Happy Valley.

Asked by: Hon. CHENG Kar-foo, Andrew

Reply:

1. We shall continue to keep the proposed South Island Line (SIL) (West) under review, in the light of whether the SIL (East) can meet the growing traffic demand of the Southern District. Our assessment is that serious congestion does not frequently occur along Pokfulam Road and Victoria Road. We expect that the SIL (East) and the West Island Line, when completed, will help improve the traffic conditions in Pokfulam Road.
2. In assessing the need for a Happy Valley Station, we will consider the transport grounds for such a station, the implications on the project costs and the impact on the implementation schedule of the SIL (East).

Signature _____

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