

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Question:

In 2008-09, the Highways Department will commence the preliminary design and preparatory work for the Hong Kong Boundary Crossing Facilities (BCF) for the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge (HZMB); continue with the preliminary design and preparatory work for the North Lantau Highway Connection for the HZMB; and continue to assist in the preparatory work for the HZMB project. When will the Government expect to complete the site selection study for BCF and commence public consultation? What is the detailed timetable?

Asked by: Hon. CHENG Kar-foo, Andrew

Reply:

The Hong Kong Boundary Crossing Facilities (BCF) Site Selection Study in connection with the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge was completed in early 2008. The study recommends reclamation at the north-east of the Airport Island as the preferred site for the BCF. During the study, we had consulted environmental concern groups and fishermen representatives on their views of the possible BCF site locations. We had also consulted the Islands District Council on the possible options. We plan to commence in 2008 the Investigation and Preliminary Design for the BCF including the environmental impact assessment for finalising the location of the BCF.

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