

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

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Question:

The Highways Department indicated that the task of “receiving and assessing proposals on the Northern Link and the Hong Kong section of the Guangzhou–Shenzhen–Hong Kong Express Rail Link” would be completed this year. Please advise -

- (a) what is the anticipated completion date of the proposals? and
- (b) what are the contents of the proposals, including the construction timetable, expenditure, alignment and fare?

Asked by: Hon. LAM Kin-fung, Jeffrey

Reply:

The Government is reviewing the project proposal of the Hong Kong section of the Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link, including its alignment and costs. Our target is to complete our assessment in 2008. We aim at starting construction in 2009 for completion in 2014 or 2015.

The project proposal of the Northern Link, including the project costs and implementation timetable, is also being reviewed.

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Post Title      Director of Highways

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