Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2008-09

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

<u>Head</u>: 60 - Highways Department <u>Subhead</u> (No. & title):

<u>Programme</u>: (1) Capital Projects

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Question:

It is mentioned under Matters Requiring Special Attention that the Highways Department will "commence the preliminary design ... for the Hong Kong Boundary Crossing Facility (BCF) for the Hong Kong–Zhuhai–Macao Bridge (HZHB) ". Please provide updated information on the location of the landing point of the Hong Kong BCF for the HZMB. Will the Government advise on the design and construction standards of the country that have been adopted in building the bridge?

Asked by: Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply:

The Hong Kong Boundary Crossing Facilities (BCF) Site Selection Study was completed in early 2008 and recommends reclamation at the north-east of the Airport Island as the preferred site for the BCF. 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.

With regard to the design and construction for the HZMB, technical studies are being undertaken to determine the most appropriate standards to be adopted for different elements of the project so as to meet the requirements of the Guangdong, Macao and Hong Kong Governments.

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