

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

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Controlling Officer:        Director of Highways

Director of Bureau:        Secretary for Transport and Housing

Question:

It is mentioned under Matters Requiring Special Attention that the Highways Department will "assist in updating the rail expansion plan...". Will the Administration advise on the details of the task? Is there any new rail expansion plan for future implementation? What are the expenditure and staffing arrangement involved? Is the MTR Corporation Limited (MTRCL) involved in the work?

Asked by: Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply:

The Highways Department is continuously updating with its in-house resources the scope and implementation programme for various railway projects recommended under the Railway Development Strategy 2000. We will take into account the prevailing traffic demand, updated project assumptions, planning parameters as well as the views of the public, concerned bureaux/departments and the MTRCL in the review.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Name in block letters      WAI CHI SING

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