

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
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Question:

Regarding the commencement of design and preparatory works for the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge in 2008-09, what are the details of the work and the estimated expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply:

For the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge (HZMB) project, Highways Department is overseeing the preparatory work for the HZMB Main Bridge, the Hong Kong Boundary Crossing Facilities (BCF) and the link road within Hong Kong.

A feasibility study and a number of advance technical studies on the HZMB Main Bridge are being jointly conducted by the governments of Guangdong, Macao and Hong Kong. The estimated expenditure of these works is about \$22 million.

As regards the BCF in Hong Kong, we plan to commence in 2008 the Investigation and Preliminary Design (I&PD) for the BCF including environmental impact assessment for finalising the location of the BCF. The estimated expenditure for the I&PD study is being worked out.

As regards the HZMB link road within Hong Kong, we have commenced an I&PD study to determine the preferred alignment of the link road and its various impacts. The estimated cost for the I&PD study is about \$59 million.

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