

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2009-10

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Question:

Regarding the studies on the proposal of establishing a direct rail link between the Hong Kong International Airport and the Shenzhen International Airport, please advise this Committee of the details about the tasks to be performed in 2009-2010, the estimated expenditure and the completion time for the studies.

Asked by: Hon. CHENG Kar-foo, Andrew

Reply:

The joint preliminary study commissioned by the HKSAR Government and the Shenzhen Municipal Government has concluded that it is technically feasible to construct the Hong Kong-Shenzhen Airport Rail Link (ARL). The Airport Authority Hong Kong (AAHK) is conducting further studies on how airlines and the two airports could work seamlessly in relation to the proposed ARL project. These further studies are funded by AAHK, and are expected to complete in mid-2009.

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