

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

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Controlling Officer: Director of Highways

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Question:

According to Estimates 2009-2010 Volume II, the estimated expenditure of HK\$9,163,006,000 in the 2009-2010 financial year for the project is under critical review. In this regard, what is the progress of the review? Will it affect the implementation of the project?

Asked by: Hon. SHEK Lai-him, Abraham

Reply:

The Administration is now critically assessing the financial proposals by the MTR Corporation Limited for providing funding support to the West Island Line (WIL) project, and aims to submit the funding application to the Public Works Subcommittee and Finance Committee of the Legislative Council as soon as possible. Subject to funding approval, construction works of the WIL will start in mid-2009.

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