

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

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Question: It is mentioned in paragraph 7 that the Highways Department will continue with the investigation and preliminary design for the highway project of Hiram's Highway Improvement Stage 2. With regard to the above, please provide information on:

- (a) the estimated expenditure of the above project;
- (b) the number of jobs to be created by the above project for professional staff, technical staff and labourers;
- (c) the alignment of the above project;
- (d) the commencement date of the investigation and preliminary design; and
- (e) the expected completion date of the project.

Asked by: Hon. IP Wai-ming

Reply:

Highways Department has commissioned a consultant to undertake an investigation study for Hiram's Highway Improvement Stage 2. The study includes formulation of various improvement and construction options which will later serve as the basis for public consultation. The Highways Department has convened two public forums to collect public views on the improvement proposals. Detailed assessment on engineering feasibility, cost, implementation programme, environmental impact, sustainability and land requirements, are now being carried out in light of public views received. Upon completion of the assessment, the Highways Department will consult the Sai Kung District Council on the assessment results. Highways Department aims at completing the investigation study for the preferred option of improvement by end 2010 and will proceed with the preliminary design of the project afterwards. The project cost, implementation programme and alignment of the Hiram's Highway Improvement Stage 2 project as well as the number of jobs to be created will depend on the recommended improvement option. We will firm these up in the preliminary design stage of the project.

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