

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Question:

Regarding the planning studies carried out by consultants, the estimated expenditure for 2010 is \$148 million. Please provide details about the studies and the expenditure involved, the latest progress and the expected completion date of the studies.

Asked by: Hon. LAU Kin-ye, Miriam

Reply:

The requested information about the planning studies by consultants in 2010 is tabulated as follows:-

	Title	Description	Estimated Expenditure of the study (\$million)	Progress / Completion Date
1	Hong Kong section of Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link (XRL) Monitoring and Verification for Design and Site Investigation Phase - Investigation	To carry out monitoring and verification on MTR Corporation Limited's (MTRCL's) design and site investigation works.	23.3	The consultancy is on-going.
2	Independent Design Review of Hong Kong section of XRL Electrical & Mechanical (E&M) System - Investigation	To carry out an independent design review for the E&M systems of the Hong Kong section of XRL to ensure proper interface and interoperability of the railway systems between the Hong Kong and Mainland section.	18.5	The consultancy is on-going.
3	Hong Kong section of XRL Monitoring and Verification Consultancy for Construction, Testing and Commissioning	To carry out monitoring and verification on MTRCL's construction, testing and commissioning works.	Consultancy not yet awarded	Not yet commenced.

4	Independent Checking of the Funding Arrangement of the South Island Line (SIL) (East) based on detailed design and updated information	To carry out an independent assessment of the financial arrangement of the SIL (East) project based on detailed design and updated information.	Consultancy not yet awarded	Not yet commenced.
5	Independent Checking of the Funding Arrangement of the Kwun Tong Line (KTL) Extension	To carry out an independent assessment of the financial arrangement of the KTL Extension project.	Consultancy not yet awarded	Not yet commenced.

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