

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

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Question:

The estimated expenditure on capital projects under design and construction entrusted to the railway corporation or other agencies increases sharply to \$6,798.1 million in 2010. Is this increase in estimated expenditure too large?

Asked by: Hon. TONG Ka-wah, Ronny

Reply:

The increase in expenditure in 2010 is mainly attributed to the commencement of construction of the Hong Kong section of the Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link, which has been entrusted to the MTR Corporation Limited. The relevant amount is about \$5,200 million.

The expenditure forecast for 2010 is estimated on the basis of the latest construction programme.

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