

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

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Question:

It is mentioned in paragraph 21 that the Highways Department will facilitate the detailed design work and the construction of the Kwun Tong Line Extension. 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/technical staff and labourers;
- (c) the completion date of the detailed design work; and
- (d) the expected completion date of the project;

Asked by: Hon. WONG Kwok-kin

Reply:

The requested information is given below:-

- (a) In March 2008, the cost of the Kwun Tong Line Extension (KTE) was estimated to be about \$4.2 billion (in April 2007 prices) based on a preliminary proposal of the railway scheme. Following two rounds of extensive consultations conducted in 2008 and 2009, we gazetted the railway scheme in November 2009. We will consider the necessary amendments to the railway scheme taking into account public views received. The estimated cost will be updated upon finalization of the railway scheme and completion of the detailed design.
- (b) The project will create about 150 job opportunities at detailed design stage (ten labourers and 140 professional/technical staff) and about 1000 job opportunities at the construction stage (900 labourers and 100 professional/technical staff).
- (c) Detailed design for KTE will be completed in end 2010.
- (d) It is expected that the construction of KTE will be completed in 2015.

Signature _____

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Post Title _____ Director of Highways

Date _____ 15.3.2010