Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2010-11

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

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Question:

Programme:

As indicated by the Administration, the approved project estimate for "West Island Line – Essential public infrastructure works" is \$103.6 million, while the estimated expenditure for 2010-11 is \$24.28 million only. What is the schedule for spending the remaining \$79.319 million? How can the progress of the works project be accelerated?

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Asked by: Hon. LAU Sau-shing, Patrick

Reply:

The West Island Line – essential public infrastructure works project, 6055TR, comprises the construction of –

- (a) a covered pedestrian link at Sands Street,
- (b) a covered footbridge link to the University of Hong Kong Centennial Campus, and
- (c) a public transport interchange at Kennedy Town Station.

The estimated cost of the project, 6055TR, is \$103.6 million in money-of-the-day prices. The latest expenditure forecast is as follow:

2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014 and after
\$Million	\$Million	\$Million	\$Million	\$Million
24.3	26.9	27.5	11.6	13.3

The pedestrian link at Sands Street will be completed in October 2013 in advance of the commissioning of the West Island Line (WIL) in late 2014. The other two items will be completed to tie in with the commissioning of WIL.

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