

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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design and site
investigation

Programme:

Controlling Officer: Director of Highways

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Transport and Housing

Question:

As indicated by the Administration, the approved project estimate for “Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge Hong Kong Boundary crossing facilities - detailed design and site investigation” is \$621.9 million. After deducting the revised estimate for 2009-10, there is a balance of \$586.6 million. Under such circumstances, why is the estimated expenditure for 2010-11 only \$72.7 million? What is the schedule for spending the remaining provision? How can the progress of the works project be accelerated?

Asked by: Hon. LAU Sau-shing, Patrick

Reply:

The estimated expenditure of \$72.7 million in 2010-11 mainly covers the following two elements of the detailed design and associated site investigation works for the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge (HZMB) Hong Kong Boundary Crossing Facilities (HKBCF):

- (a) the reclamation; and
- (b) the superstructures/infrastructures.

The former has progressed smoothly and an estimated expenditure of \$45.4 million will be expended in 2010-11. The latter, with an expenditure of about \$27.3 million in 2010-11, will only commence in the second half of 2010 upon completion of the HKBCF International Design Ideas Competition; the winning design ideas will form the basis for reference and further development in the detailed design of HKBCF superstructures. We expect that the winning design of the competition will be announced in May this year. With commencement of the superstructures/infrastructures consultancy, we anticipate that the remaining expenditure would be incurred at a faster rate in the next few years.

We will closely monitor the progress and review the programme where necessary to ensure that the project can be completed timely to tie in with the anticipated commissioning of the HZMB in 2016.

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