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Head: 60 - Highways Department Subhead (No. & title): 000 Operational Expenses

Programme: (1) Capital Projects

Controlling Officer: Director of Highways

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Question:

Will the Administration inform this Committee of the latest progress of the Central Kowloon Route project, the earliest estimated time to formally begin planning and consultation procedures, the estimated commencement date and completion date for the project, the estimated overall construction cost, as well as the expenditure on the studies and preliminary design work carried out by consultants for the project so far?

Asked by: Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply:

We have completed the investigation and preliminary design of Central Kowloon Route (CKR) in December 2010. As at end February 2011, the expenditure on the investigation and preliminary design of CKR (including consultancy fees and site investigation) was about $81 million.

We plan to start the detailed design consultancy of CKR in mid 2011 and to commence public consultation in respect of the detailed design at end 2011/early 2012. We will also formulate the implementation programme for the project in the detailed design stage. We will work out the cost estimate after the detailed design is in place.

Signature _____

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Post Title Director of Highways

Date 18.3.2011