

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

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Question:

Regarding the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge project, please advise this Committee of the following:

- a. the governments of Hong Kong, Mainland and Macao have set up the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge Authority in the Mainland, and play a supervisory role through a jointly established Joint Working Committee. What are the percentages of the three governments' representatives in the make-up of the Authority and the Committee respectively; and
- b. please provide information about the progress as well as manpower and expenditure involved in each of the past three years (i.e. 2008-09 to 2010-11) with regard to completing the statutory procedures for the Hong Kong Boundary Crossing Facilities, commencing its reclamation works and continuing with the detailed design for the superstructures works.

Asked by: Hon. WONG Sing-chi

Reply:

- a. The Joint Working Committee of the Three Governments (JWC) consists of nine members, with three members from each government. The Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge Authority (HZMBA) is an independent legal entity established jointly by the three governments.
- b. In 2008-09, the Highways Department (HyD) commissioned the investigation and preliminary design (I&PD) consultancy for the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge (HZMB) Hong Kong Boundary Crossing Facilities (HKBCF), including carrying out the associated site investigation works and the environmental impact assessment (EIA) study under EIA Ordinance.

In 2009-10, HyD completed the EIA study and obtained the approval on the EIA report and environmental permit from the Director of Environmental Protection. Separately, we took forward the statutory procedures under the Town Planning Ordinance, the Foreshore and Sea-bed (Reclamations) Ordinance and the Roads (Works, Use and Compensation) Ordinance. HyD also commissioned the detailed design and construction consultancy for the HKBCF reclamation works, and carried out the associated detailed marine site investigation works.

In 2010-11, HyD completed the I&PD study, an International Design Ideas Competition for the HKBCF superstructures, and the detailed design of the reclamation works. We have also taken forward the tendering process for the reclamation works, the tender preparation for the HKBCF project's road and reclamation works at the east coast of the Hong Kong International Airport, and the detailed design and construction consultancy for the HKBCF superstructures and infrastructures.

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The total expenditure of the above consultancies and site investigation works in 2008-09 and 2009-10 are \$12 million and \$61 million respectively, while their expenditure in 2010-11 is estimated to be \$72 million.

The in-house staff deployed by HyD to manage the HKBCF project increases progressively from three professionals in early 2008 to 15 professionals in 2011.

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Name in block letters \_\_\_\_\_ **K K LAU**

Post Title \_\_\_\_\_ **Director of Highways**

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