

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

**THB(T)067**

Head: 60 - Highways Department

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Programme: (1) Capital Projects

Controlling Officer: Director of Highways

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Transport and Housing

Question:

Please advise this Committee of the following regarding the Tuen Mun Western Bypass project mentioned under Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2011-12:

- a. the progress of the investigation and preliminary design for the project, as well as the manpower and expenditure involved respectively; and
- b. whether the residents of the affected area have been consulted about the project. If yes, please provide details as well as information about its progress, expenditure and manpower involved respectively; if not, please give the reasons.

Asked by: Hon. WONG Sing-chi

Reply:

- a. The investigation and preliminary design (I&PD) study of the Tuen Mun Western Bypass commenced in August 2008. We are proceeding with the traffic impact assessment, environmental impact assessment, ground investigation, and preliminary design for the project. An in-house team consisting of four professionals is deployed to oversee the I&PD study. The estimated cost for the I&PD consultancy study and the associated ground investigation works is \$36 million.
- b. We have conducted a series of public consultation for the project since 2008 and the details are listed below –

October 2008 to March 2009	Public engagement campaign (also covering the Tuen Mun-Chek Lap Kok Link, Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge Hong Kong Boundary Crossing Facilities and Hong Kong Link Road Projects)
14 November 2008	Tuen Mun District Council Traffic and Transport Committee
6 January 2009	Tuen Mun District Council
6 February 2009	Tuen Mun District Council Traffic and Transport Committee
19 March 2009	Tuen Mun Rural Committee
8 April 2009	Ha Tsuen Rural Committee
14 May 2009	Heung Yee Kuk
13 July 2009	Heung Yee Kuk
2 November 2010	Tuen Mun District Council
12 November 2010	Tuen Mun District Council Traffic and Transport Committee
16 November 2010	Heung Yee Kuk

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25 November 2010	Yuen Long District Council Traffic and Transport Committee
27 November 2010	Tuen Mun Rural Committee
11 January 2011	San Tin Rural Committee

The expenditure involved is about \$1 million. The four professionals overseeing the I&PD Study referred above are also responsible for the public consultation exercises for the project.

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Post Title                     Director of Highways                    

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