

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2011-12

Reply Serial No.

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

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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 traffic improvements to Tuen Mun Road Town Centre Section and the reconstruction and improvement of Tuen Mun Road mentioned under Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2011-12:

- a. the progress, expected benefits, expenditure and manpower involved; and
- b. the respective anticipated completion dates.

Asked by: Hon. WONG Sing-chi

Reply:

The project "Traffic Improvements to Tuen Mun Road Town Centre Section" is to improve the traffic condition of the Tuen Mun Road Town Centre Section to meet anticipated traffic growth. Without the project, this section of the road will become a traffic bottleneck in the coming years. The Approved Project Estimate (APE) is \$1,814.4 million in money-of-the-day prices. A project team of about four professional officers is involved in the implementation of the project. The project is about 11% completed as at end February 2011. We plan to complete the project by end 2013.

The project "Reconstruction and Improvement of Tuen Mun Road" is to upgrade the road to the current expressway standards as far as practicable. The APE is \$6,804.3 million in money-of-the-day prices. A project team of about eight professional officers is involved in the implementation of the project. The project is about 25% completed as at end February 2011. We plan to complete the project by end 2014.

Signature _____

Name in block letters _____ K K LAU

Post Title _____ Director of Highways

Date _____ 15.3.2011