

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Controlling Officer: Director of Highways

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Question:

Would the Administration provide details about the cost and timetable for completing the statutory procedures for the Tuen Mun-Chek Lap Kok Link (TM-CLKL) and commencing the construction of the advance works for its southern landfall, as well as the schedule and resources required for pursuing the detailed design for the remaining works?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Hok-ming

Reply:

In 2009-10, the Highways Department (HyD) completed the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) study and obtained the approval on the EIA report and environmental permit from the Director of Environmental Protection. We also gazetted the TM-CLKL under the Town Planning Ordinance and the Roads (Works, Use and Compensation) Ordinance, and will continue to take forward the procedures in line with the statutory requirements mainly through in-house resources.

The investigation and preliminary design of the TM-CLKL is scheduled for completion in mid 2011. We have initiated the procurement of a consultancy for the detailed design of the project. As regards the construction of the advance works for the southern landfall, it will be taken forward together with the Hong Kong Boundary Crossing Facilities reclamation works, the ground investigation and the detailed design of which were substantially completed in end 2010. HyD is currently proceeding with the tendering procedures for the reclamation works contract. We aim to complete the project in phases to synchronise with the commissioning of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge and to meet the local traffic demand.

It is not appropriate to disclose the cost estimates for the detailed design consultancy or the reclamation works prior to the completion of the tendering procedures.

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