

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

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Question:

Regarding the investigation and preliminary design for the Tuen Mun Western Bypass, will the Administration inform this Committee of the following:

- a. the timetable for the advance work;
- b. the estimated cost and alignment of the project;
- c. the number of jobs to be created by the project for professional/technical staff/labourers; and
- d. the anticipated completion date of the project.

Asked by: Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply:

- a. The investigation and preliminary design study of the Tuen Mun Western Bypass (TMWB) commenced in August 2008. We are proceeding with the traffic impact assessment, environmental impact assessment, ground investigation, and preliminary design for the project.
- b. & c. The TMWB is a dual two-lane highway connecting Kong Sham Western Highway in the north and the proposed Tuen Mun–Chek Lap Kok Link in the south, with a middle connection to Tsing Tin Road and Tuen Mun Road. The estimated cost of the project and the number of jobs for professionals / technicians and labourers to be created by the project are dependent on the outcome of the detailed design to be conducted at a later stage.
- d. We aim to synchronise the completion of the project with that of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge within roughly the same time frame to meet the local traffic demand.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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

Date \_\_\_\_\_ 15.3.2011