

**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:

Regarding the investigation and preliminary design for the Tuen Mun-Chek Lap Kok Link and the detailed design for its southern landfall, will the Administration inform this Committee of the following:

- a. the progress of the investigation;
- b. completion time of the detailed layout plan;
- c. the anticipated commencement and completion date of the project;
- d. the estimated cost of the project;
- e. the number of jobs to be created by the project for professional/technical staff/labourers; and
- f. whether the District Councils concerned and resident groups will be consulted; if yes, please provide details.

Asked by: Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply:

- a., b. & c. 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. The Highways Department is currently proceeding with the tendering procedure of 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.
- d. & e. 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.
- f. Since 2008, we have conducted a series of public consultation with various stakeholders, including residents of Tung Chung and Tuen Mun, as well as interest groups. We also consulted the Islands District Council and Tuen Mun District Council on 17 April 2009 and 5 May 2009 respectively, and members generally supported the implementation of the project.

Signature _____

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Post Title _____ Director of Highways

Date _____ 16.3.2011