

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

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Question:

The Administration mentioned that the approved estimate for the 'West Island Line — essential public infrastructure works' is 103.6 million. As at 31 March 2011, the actual expenditure was 17.247 million. On the other hand, the estimate for 2012-13 is only 13.846 million. What is the timeframe for the usage of the remaining fund of over 72.5 million? How can the progress of the project be speeded up?

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Reply:

'West Island Line — essential public infrastructure works' comprises the construction of a covered pedestrian link at Sands Street, a covered footbridge link to the University of Hong Kong Centennial Campus and a public transport interchange at Kennedy Town Station. West Island Line is currently making good progress, and it is anticipated to commence in 2014. The implementation of the covered footbridge link to the University of Hong Kong Centennial Campus and the public transport interchange at Kennedy Town Station has to tie in properly with the timeframe of railway works, while early completion of the covered pedestrian link at Sands Street is permissible. The remaining estimate of the project will be used according to the works progress during 2012-13 to 2015-16.

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