

**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 'commenced the detailed design for the Central Kowloon Route', will the Administration inform this Committee of:

- (a) the recent estimated cost for such work;
- (b) the time at which the investigation results and layout plan will be submitted to the Legislative Council;
- (c) have the local groups been consulted; and
- (d) the anticipated completion date of the project.

Asked by: Hon. WONG Kwok-kin

Reply:

(a) to (d)

The latest Approved Project Estimate for the consultants' fees for the design and the associated site investigation of Central Kowloon Route (CKR) as approved by the Legislative Council in April 2007 is \$192.3 million.

With the preliminary design of the project completed in December 2010, the Highways Department is actively implementing the CKR project. Detailed design of the project was commenced in 2011. The Highways Department will conduct public engagement exercise to collect public views on the design and construction arrangement of CKR for the completion of CKR's detailed design. We will draw up the implementation timetable for the project in the detailed design stage. As the detailed design is still in progress, it is difficult to assess the actual construction cost of the project.

Signature: _____

Name in block letters: K K LAU

Post Title: Director of Highways

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