

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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2529

Head: 60 – Highways Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (1) Capital Projects

Controlling Officer: Director of Highways

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Transport and Housing

Question:

Highways Department mentioned the allocation of approximately \$5 billion of expenditure on the provision of various road infrastructure under this Programme. Please provide the following information on the projects already commenced and mentioned under this Programme:

Various projects commenced	(a) Date of commencement	(b) Anticipated date of completion	(c) Initial estimated expenditure	(d) Actual expenditure	(e) Discrepancies between (c) and (d) and the reasons
Reclamation works for the Hong Kong Boundary Crossing Facilities of Hong Kong - Zhuhai - Macao Bridge					
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Reconstruction of footbridge near Hsin Kuang Centre					

Asked by: Hon. WONG Sing-chi

Reply:

Regarding the Capital Works Reserve Fund under the estimates of this financial year, the figures and information of various road infrastructure projects under point 4 of this Programme are as follow:

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Various projects underway	(a) Date of commencement	(b) Anticipated date of completion	(c) Initial estimated expenditure (Approved project estimate) (\$million)	(d) Actual expenditure as at 31.3.2011 (\$million)	(e) Discrepancies between (c) and (d) and the reasons (\$million)
Reclamation works and superstructures of the Hong Kong Boundary Crossing Facilities of Hong Kong - Zhuhai - Macao Bridge	Late 2011	Late 2016	30,433.9	-	Discrepancy: 30,433.9 Reason: Funding approval was obtained from the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council in November 2011, and the project commenced in late 2011. The remaining expenditure will be paid for according to works progress
Tuen Mun-Chek Lap Kok Link - detailed design, site investigation and advance works	Late 2011	Early 2016	1,909.6	-	Discrepancy: 1,909.6 Reason: Funding approval was obtained from the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council in November 2011, and the project commenced in late 2011. The remaining expenditure will be paid for according to works progress

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Improvement and extension of Kam Pok Road	July 2011	Early 2013	148.6	-	Discrepancy: 148.6 Reason: Funding approval was obtained from the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council in February 2011, and the project commenced in July 2011. The project is still in progress, and the remaining expenditure will be paid for according to works progress
Provision of barrier-free access facilities at public footbridges, elevated walkways and subways - design and phase 1 of construction works	December 2011	Mid-2014	292.1	-	Discrepancy: 292.1 Reason: Funding approval was obtained from the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council in July 2011, and the project commenced in late 2011. The remaining expenditure will be paid for according to works progress

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Reconstruction and improvement of Tuen Mun Road (including works for retrofitting of noise barriers)	October 2008	Late 2014	6,804.3	1,464.64	Discrepancy: 5,339.66 Reason: The project is still in progress, and the remaining expenditure will be paid for according to works progress
Extension of Footbridge Network in Tsuen Wan - Footbridge A along Tai Ho Road	December 2008	Mid-2012	169	80.66	Discrepancy: 88.34 Reason: The project is still in progress, and the remaining expenditure will be paid for according to works progress
Traffic improvements to Tuen Mun Road Town Centre Section	December 2009	Late 2013	1,814.4	213.36	Discrepancy: 1,601.04 Reason: The project is still in progress, and the remaining expenditure will be paid for according to works progress
Improvement to Sham Tseng Interchange	September 2009	Late 2013	99.6	5.38	Discrepancy: 94.22 Reason: The project is still in progress, and the remaining expenditure will be paid for according to works progress

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Bus-bus interchanges on Tuen Mun Road	July 2010	Mid-2013	162.3	31.51	Discrepancy: 130.79 Reason: The project is still in progress, and the remaining expenditure will be paid for according to works progress
Widening of Tolo Highway between Island House Interchange and Tai Hang	August 2009	Early 2014	4,486.9	955.6	Discrepancy: 3,531.3 Reason: The project is still in progress, and the remaining expenditure will be paid for according to works progress
Central-Wan Chai Bypass and Island Eastern Corridor Link	July 2009	Late 2017	28,104.6	1,407.71	Discrepancy: 26,696.89 Reason: The project is still in progress, and the remaining expenditure will be paid for according to works progress
Retrofitting of noise barriers on Fanling Highway between Po Shek Wu Road and MTR Fanling Station	October 2009	Late 2012	506.9	112	Discrepancy: 394.9 Reason: The project is still in progress, and the remaining expenditure will be paid for according to works progress
Retrofitting of noise barriers on Fanling Highway between MTR Fanling Station and Wo Hing Road	November 2010	Mid-2013	247.1	2.08	Discrepancy: 245.02 Reason: The project is still in progress, and the remaining expenditure will be paid for according to works progress

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Centre Street escalator link (Stage 1)	September 2009	Late 2012	60.7	11.92	Discrepancy: 48.78 Reason: The project is still in progress, and the remaining expenditure will be paid for according to works progress
Reconstruction of footbridge near Hsin Kuang Centre and extension of bus bays at Lung Cheung Road	January 2010	Early 2012	83.8	21.96	Discrepancy: 61.84 Reason: The project is still in progress, and the remaining expenditure will be paid for according to works progress

Signature: _____

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