

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

**THB(T)043**

Question Serial No.

2534

Head: 60 – Highways Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (3) Railway Development

Controlling Officer: Director of Highways

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Transport and Housing

Question:

Regarding various railway development projects, please provide the following information:

a) Please fill in the following table with the various figures and information:

Various railway projects commenced and under planning	(a) Date of commencement	(b) Anticipated date of completion	(c) Current progress	(d) Initial estimated expenditure	(e) Actual expenditure	(f) Discrepancies between (d) and (e) and the reasons	(g) Anticipated average annual throughput
West Island Line							

b) What are the respective resources (in terms of manpower, expenditure, technology and equipment, etc.) allocated to each project mentioned above by the Government?

Asked by: Hon. WONG Sing-chi

Reply:

(a) Among the railway projects underway, West Island Line (WIL), South Island Line (East)(SIL(East)) and Kwun Tong Line Extension (KTE) are projects under MTR Corporation Limited (hereafter known as MTR). The Government is responsible for the coordination of essential public infrastructure works for these railway projects. The essential public infrastructure works will be carried out with the related railway projects concurrently. The Government, which funds and owns the Hong Kong Section of Guangzhou - Shenzhen - Hong Kong Express Rail Link ( XRL ) and Shatin to Central Link (SCL) projects, is responsible for the construction of the railways and their ancillary infrastructures.

Figures and information of various railway development projects under Capital Works Reserve Fund of this financial year:

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WIL- essential public infrastructure works	March 2010	2014	In progress	104	17	Discrepancy: 87 Project is still in progress, and the remaining expenditure will be paid for according to works progress	70 million
XRL - railway construction works	January 2010	2015	In progress	55,018	7,655	Discrepancy: 47,363 Project is still in progress, and the remaining expenditure will be paid for according to works progress	36 million
XRL - construction of non-railway works	January 2010	2015	In progress	11,800	1,331	Discrepancy: 10,469 Project is still in progress, and the remaining expenditure will be paid for according to works progress	36 million

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SIL(East) - essential public infrastructure works	May 2011	2015	In progress	927	-	Discrepancy: 927 Funding approval was obtained from the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council in April 2011, and the project commenced in mid-2011. The project is still in progress, and the remaining expenditure will be paid for according to works progress	62 million

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KTE - - essential public infrastructure works	May 2011	2015	In progress	827	-	Discrepancy: 827  Funding approval was obtained from the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council in April 2011, and the project commenced in mid-2011. The project is still in progress, and the remaining expenditure will be paid for according to works progress	66 million
SCL - design and site investigation	August 2008	2014	In progress	2,408	1,659	Discrepancy: 749  Project is still in progress, and the remaining expenditure will be paid for according to works progress	N/A

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SCL - advance works	May 2011	2015	In progress	7,703	-	Discrepancy: 7,703 Funding approval was obtained from the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council in February 2011, and the project commenced in mid-2011. The project is still in progress, and the remaining expenditure will be paid for according to works progress	N/A
SCL – protection works	August 2010	2014	In progress	694	4	Discrepancy: 690 The project is still in progress, and the remaining expenditure will be paid for according to works progress	N/A

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- (b) Except for the protection works of SCL which is covered by the Wan Chai Development Phase II and Central-Wan Chai Bypass tunnel projects and carried out concurrently, the implementation of the above railway projects have been entrusted with MTR. The Highways Department is responsible for monitoring the MTR and coordinating the related departments for the planning, development and implementation of these railway projects. Manpower will be deployed from the Department's existing in-house resources subject to needs.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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