

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

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Question: Q6

Regarding the 'investigation and preliminary design for the Tuen Mun Western Bypass', will the Administration inform this Committee of:

- a. timetable of the advance works;
- b. the estimated cost and alignment of the project mentioned above;
- c. the number of jobs to be created for professional staff/technical staff/workers by the project mentioned above; and
- d. the scheduled date of completion.

Asked by: Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply:

- a. We are working on the traffic impact assessment, environmental impact assessment, ground investigation and preliminary design relating to the proposed Tuen Mun Western Bypass (TMWB) project, all of which are anticipated to be completed in the fourth quarter of 2012.
- b,c,d. The alignment of the TMWB project has gained the support of the Tuen Mun District Council. The southern section of the bypass will be constructed in the form of a tunnel connecting the proposed Tuen Mun–Chek Lap Kok Link at Pillar Point, Tuen Mun. The tunnel exit at the northern end will be situated at the east of Tsun Wen Road / Tsing Tin Road Interchange. The northern section of the alignment will provide a dual two-lane viaduct next to the Tuen Mun Road outside Siu Hong Station of West Rail in Tuen Mun. This section will cross over the Lam Tei Interchange and go northbound along the Castle Peak Road. After passing through the bottom of Kong Sham Western Highway, this section will cross over the vehicular bridge of West Rail and connect the Kong Sham Western Highway near the existing cement plant at Yick Yuen.

The estimated cost, number of jobs to be created and anticipated date of completion of the project can only be confirmed after the preliminary design is completed.

Signature: _____

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