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Programme: (1) Capital Projects

Controlling Officer: Director of Highways

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Question:

For the hillside escalator links and elevator systems, would the Administration provide the following information:

- (a) the current progress of the planned works for hillside escalator links and elevator systems, and the expenditure involved in each of these works;
- (b) the number of works for hillside escalator links and elevator systems under investigation, and the respective expenditure involved.

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Kam-lam

Reply:

Parts (a) and (b)

The Government established a set of comprehensive, objective and transparent scoring criteria for assessing proposals for hillside escalator links and elevator systems to determine the priority for conducting preliminary feasibility studies for the proposed works projects. The 20 proposals received at the time were evaluated in accordance with the assessment system and the results were reported to the Panel on Transport of the Legislative Council on 26 February 2010. Two proposals were screened out initially, and 18 others were ranked. The Administration indicated at the time that preliminary feasibility studies for the proposals ranked top ten in the assessment would be conducted by batches, and that the remaining proposals would be followed up after the smooth implementation of the top ten proposals.

Among the 18 ranked projects, a total estimated capital cost of about \$700 million has been committed for two projects. Details are as follows:

Proposal	Progress	Cost Estimate (\$ million)
Pedestrian Link at Tsz Wan Shan (ranked 1st)	This link is implemented under the Shatin to Central Link project. The construction has commenced since July 2012 for completion by phases between 2014 and 2016.	608
Pedestrian Link System at Yuet Wah Street (ranked 13th)	To be implemented by the Civil Engineering and Development Department in relation to the Kwun Tong Town Centre Redevelopment by the Urban Renewal Authority. Works are scheduled to commence in the second quarter of 2013 for completion in end 2015.	95

We have completed the preliminary technical feasibility studies, with the deployment of internal resources, for eight out of nine proposals ranked top ten. These eight proposals have been preliminarily found technically feasible and will be taken forward by batches. For four of these proposals, expenses have been incurred for consultancies for further investigation and preliminary design. Details are as follows:

Proposal	Status of Preliminary Technical Feasibility Study	Expenditure incurred as at 14.3.2013 (\$ million)
Braemar Hill Pedestrian Link	completed	0.47
Lift System and Pedestrian Walkways at Cheung Hang Estate, Tsing Yi	completed	0.25
Escalator Link and Pedestrian Walkway System at Pound Lane	completed	0.38
Lift and Pedestrian Walkway System between Kwai Shing Circuit and Hing Shing Road, Kwai Chung	completed	-
Proposed Lift and Pedestrian Walkway System between Castle Peak Road and Kung Yip Street, Kwai Chung	completed	-
Proposed Lift and Pedestrian Walkway System between Lai Cho Road and Wah Yiu Road, Kwai Chung	completed	-
Pedestrian Link near Chuk Yuen North Estate	completed	-
Lift and Pedestrian Walkway System at Waterloo Hill	completed	0.16
Lift and Pedestrian Walkway System between Lai King Hill Road and Lai Cho Road	on-going	-

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