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Question:

Regarding the Tuen Mun Western Bypass, what is the current progress of the works? What is the expected date of completion? In addition, what is the anticipated total expenditure involved upon completion of the Bypass?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Kam-lam

Reply:

We are continuing with the preliminary design and the relevant impact assessment of the proposed Tuen Mun Western Bypass. During this process, we will review the technical issues arising from the project, taking into account comments raised by the public (in particular their concern over the impact of the northern viaduct section and the exit of the southern tunnel section at Tsing Tin Interchange on residents and facilities nearby), and update the related forecast traffic demand. We will continue to consult the stakeholders with a view to completing the abovementioned tasks as soon as possible, and making an assesment of the total expenditure involved upon completion of the detailed design of the project.

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