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Question:

The matters requiring special attention in 2013-14 by the Highways Department (HyD) includes scrutinising the submissions made by the MTR Corporation Limited (MTRCL) on the implementation of railway projects. Please provide the details and amount of money involved in scrutinising these projects.

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Kam-lam

Reply:

For West Island Line, South Island Line (East) and Kwun Tong Line Extension, the HyD uses in-house resources to scrutinise the submissions made by the MTRCL. For other railway projects including Shatin to Central Link and Hong Kong section of Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link, the HyD has employed consultants, on top of its in-house resources, to scrutinise the submissions made by the MTRCL. The consultancies and their estimated expenditure in 2013-14 are as follows:

- (a) Shatin to Central Link – Independent design review, checking of project cost and cost apportionment for design and site investigation phase (\$1.6 million);
- (b) Shatin to Central Link – Monitoring and verification consultancy for construction, testing and commissioning phase (\$21.9 million); and
- (c) Hong Kong section of Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link – Monitoring and verification consultancy for construction, testing and commissioning phase (\$15 million).

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