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Question:

What are the details of “continue to undertake route protection of the recommended railway projects and other longer term proposals”? What is the expenditure involved? How to avoid the problem similar to that of the Hong Kong Station which has been left unused for many years after completion?

Asked by: Hon. WU Chi-wai

Reply:

When planning an infrastructure project, we will, as an established practice, consider the need to make provision for possible future expansion of the project. The need for such provision will be reviewed regularly at different stages of the project development.

For any development proposal or issue which may impact the route of any recommended railway project or other longer term railway proposal, we will carefully scrutinise the proposal or issue to ensure that the railway project, if implemented, would not be affected. We perform this duty by in-house resources.

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