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Question:

The planned expenditure in 2013 on capital projects under design and construction by consultants amounts to \$17,533.8 million, which is 81% more than the actual expenditure of \$9,671.3 million in 2012. What are the reasons for the significant increase in funding? What are the projects involved? What are the locations, anticipated expenditures, numbers of residents affected and works schedules of various projects respectively?

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Reply:

The increase in estimated expenditure in 2013 over the actual expenditure in 2012 is to meet the programme of on-going construction projects in 2013. The increase is attributed mostly to the commencement of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge (HZMB) – Hong Kong Link Road, and the HZMB Hong Kong Boundary Crossing Facilities – reclamation and superstructures projects in the second quarter of 2012 and the fourth quarter of 2011 respectively. Both projects are to be completed by end 2016. The anticipated total expenditure for these two projects in 2013 is about \$7,000 million. No resident is affected by land resumption or clearance under these two projects.

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