

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Question:

According to the estimates of the budget this year, capital projects under design and construction entrusted to the railway corporation or other agencies amount to more than \$150 billion. Expenditure of the year amounts to about \$20.5 billion and the fees for planning studies to be carried out by consultants also amounts to \$0.328 billion. In the estimates of the Highways Department, \$20.5 billion will be used for the expenditure of 19 projects. Please provide information on:

(a) What are the projects concerned? What is the expenditure of the respective projects? Please answer by using the following table:

Name of project	Project estimate

(b) As shown in the estimates, \$0.328 billion is to be used as the fees for planning studies to be carried out by consultants. What is the consultancy fee for each consultant? What are the studies carried out by the consultants concerned? Please answer by using the following table:

Name of company	Name of study	Project expenditure

(c) It is stated under 'Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2013-14' that the Government will co-ordinate with the Mainland authorities on cross-boundary infrastructure developments. What mechanism will be in place? What are the principles behind the estimation of expenditure?

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Reply:

(a) The 19 projects with a total estimated expenditure of \$20.5 billion are listed below:

Name of project	Estimated expenditure in year 2013 (\$ million)
Shatin to Central Link - design and site investigation	42
Shatin to Central Link – construction of railway works – protection works	108.1
Shatin to Central Link – construction of railway works – protection works in Wan Chai Development Phase II	16
Shatin to Central Link – construction of railway works – advance works	940
Shatin to Central Link – construction of non-railway works – advance works	269.7
Shatin to Central Link – construction of railway works – remaining works	4,668.9
Shatin to Central Link – construction of non-railway works – remaining works	585.6
Hong Kong section of the Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link – design and site investigation	71.8
Hong Kong section of the Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link – construction of railway works	11,116.1
Hong Kong section of the Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link – construction of non-railway works	2,215.8
West Island Line - essential public infrastructure works	13
South Island Line (East) - essential public infrastructure works	284.4
Kwun Tong Line Extension - essential public infrastructure works	150
West Rail (Phase 1) - essential public infrastructure works for Tuen Mun	36.9
West Rail (Phase 1) - essential public infrastructure works for Sham Shui Po	0
West Rail (Phase 1) - essential public infrastructure works for Yuen Long	0
East Rail Extension - essential public infrastructure works for the Sheung Shui to Lok Ma Chau Spur Line	1.4
Public Transport Interchange at Lok Ma Chau Rail Terminus of the Sheung Shui to Lok Ma Chau Spur Line	0

