Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2013-14

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

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<u>Head</u>: 60 - Highways Department <u>Subhead (No. & title)</u>:

Programme: (3) Railway Development

Controlling Officer: Director of Highways

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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 –	108.1
protection works	
Shatin to Central Link – construction of railway works –	16
protection works in Wan Chai Development Phase II	0.40
Shatin to Central Link – construction of railway works –	940
advance works	260.5
Shatin to Central Link – construction of non-railway	269.7
works – advance works	
Shatin to Central Link – construction of railway works –	4,668.9
remaining works	
Shatin to Central Link – construction of non-railway	585.6
works – remaining works	
Hong Kong section of the Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong	71.8
Kong Express Rail Link – design and site investigation	
Hong Kong section of the Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong	11,116.1
Kong Express Rail Link – construction of railway	
works	
Hong Kong section of the Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong	2,215.8
Kong Express Rail Link – construction of non-railway	
works	
West Island Line - essential public infrastructure works	13
South Island Line (East) - essential public infrastructure	284.4
works	
Kwun Tong Line Extension - essential public	150
infrastructure works	
West Rail (Phase 1) - essential public infrastructure	36.9
works for Tuen Mun	
West Rail (Phase 1) - essential public infrastructure	0
works for Sham Shui Po	
West Rail (Phase 1) - essential public infrastructure	0
works for Yuen Long	
East Rail Extension - essential public infrastructure	1.4
works for the Sheung Shui to Lok Ma Chau Spur Line	
Public Transport Interchange at Lok Ma Chau Rail	0
Terminus of the Sheung Shui to Lok Ma Chau Spur	
Line	

Consultants' fees and ground investigation cost for Huanggang - Lok Ma Chau Passenger Bridge Ground Investigation	0.1
Total	20,519.8

(b) The studies carried out by the consultants are listed below:

Name of company	Name of study	Total expenditure
		(\$ million)
PYPUN-KD &	Shatin to Central Link – Independent	20.3
Associates Limited	design review, checking of project cost	
	and cost apportionment for design and	
	site investigation phase	
PYPUN-KD &	Shatin to Central Link – Monitoring and	181.8
Associates Limited	verification consultancy for	
	construction, testing and commissioning	
	phase	
Jacobs China Limited	Hong Kong section of Guangzhou-	83.8
	Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail	
	Link – Monitoring and verification	
	consultancy for construction, testing and	
	commissioning phase	
AECOM Asia Company	Review and Update of the Railway	43
Limited	Development Strategy 2000	
	Total	328.9

(c) As regards the cross-boundary infrastructure development, we have established various liaison groups with the relevant Mainland authorities for the implementation of the Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link project. The relevant expenses are absorbed by in-house resources.

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