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Head: 60 - Highways Department

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Programme: (3) Railway Development

Controlling Officer: Director of Highways

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Question:

Regarding item 838 "Review and Update of the Railway Development Strategy 2000" under subhead 700:

- (a) What specific work items were the revised estimated expenditure for 2012-13 spent on?
- (b) For the balance of \$16.996 million, what is the estimated expenditure in 2013-14? What specific work items will the expenditure be spent on?

Asked by: Hon. FAN Kwok-wai, Gary

Reply:

- (a) The revised estimated expenditure for 2012-13 covers the consultancy fees for the consultants to analyse and examine different conceptual railway proposals under the study for the Review and Update of the Railway Development Strategy 2000.
- (b) The balance of \$16.996 million will be used in 2013-14 on the consultancy fees for completing the related analysis and examination of different conceptual railway proposals, with a view to optimising the planning for major regional railway corridors and local enhancement schemes based on the views collected at both stages of the public engagement exercise, as well as providing recommendations on the future railway development.

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