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Question:

The Administration plans to allocate \$5,029 million as estimate for 2013-14 for 6844TH (the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge (HZMB) Hong Kong Link Road (HKLR)). Given that a serious industrial accident happened in October 2012 for this project, will the Administration inform this Committee of the resources in terms of both manpower and financial provision to be allocated for 2013-14 in hazard management in order to enhance occupational safety of this project?

Asked by: Hon. SHEK Lai-him, Abraham

Reply:

The industrial accident in October 2012, mentioned in the question, happened in the reclamation site for the HZMB – Hong Kong Boundary Crossing Facilities project.

The Highways Department attaches great importance to the safety of all the road projects. For the HZMB – HKLR project, a team of 39 site staff from both the consultant and the contractors will be deployed to ensure occupational safety on site in 2013-14. The cost of manpower and safety measures involved is estimated to be \$44.4 million. The HyD will deploy adequate internal staff to monitor the performance of the consultant and contractors.

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