

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Head: 60 - Highways Department Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (1) Capital Projects

Controlling Officer: Director of Highways

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Transport and Housing

Question:

Regarding 'investigation for Hiram's Highway Improvement Stage 2', will the Administration inform this Committee on:

- (a) expenditure and manpower distribution from the beginning of the aforesaid programme until now;
- (b) progress of the design work;
- (c) anticipated dates of works commencement and completion; and
- (d) anticipated number of professional, technical and supporting posts to be created by the aforesaid programme.

Asked by: Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply:

- (a) The investigation and preliminary design for Hiram's Highway Improvement Stage 2 commenced in December 2011. The Highways Department deploys internal staff to oversee the consultancy. An amount of \$1.7 million has so far been spent on consultancy fees and site investigation.
- (b) Various improvement options are being studied, and a public engagement exercise will be conducted within 2013 to solicit views from local residents and stakeholders on the improvement options.
- (c) and (d) The implementation programme and the manpower requirement for the project will be worked out in the detailed design stage.

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