

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

Programme: (3) Railway Development

Controlling Officer: Director of Highways

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Transport and Housing

Question:

Regarding the 'construction safety of the railways under construction', will the Administration provide the following information:

- (a) What are the measures adopted by the Administration to ensure safety of construction staff? What is the amount of expenditure involved; and
- (b) Please provide the following figures regarding the railway lines under construction.

Name of railway line under construction	Number of industrial accidents since commencement of the works	Type of accident	Number of deaths	Number of injuries	Amount of compensation paid to the victims
Hong Kong section of the Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link (XRL)					
West Island Line (WIL)					
South Island Line (East) [SIL(E)]					
Kwun Tong Line Extension (KTE)					
Shatin to Central Link (SCL)					
Total					

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Reply:

- (a) The Highways Department oversees the implementation of railway projects undertaken by the MTR Corporation Limited (MTRCL). The MTRCL is required to oversee the construction works carried out by its contractors in accordance with the relevant laws, rules and project guidelines. The MTRCL has also set up a safety supervision team for each of the railway projects to closely monitor the implementation of the site safety measures.
- (b) The information on industrial accidents for the railway projects under construction is tabulated below:

Railway line under construction	Number of industrial accidents since commencement of the works	Category of Accidents				Number of Deaths	Number of Injuries
		Injured by tools, plants & objects	Injured whilst carrying, lifting & working	Fell from height & slippage	Others		
XRL	147	55	39	51	2	1	146
WIL	96	30	17	42	7	1	95
SIL(E)	46	20	7	19	0	0	47
KTE	11	1	2	8	0	0	11
SCL	9	5	0	4	0	0	9
Total	309	111	65	124	9	2	308

As the compensation is paid by the MTRCL's contractors to the affected workers and families direct, the information is not readily available.

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Director of Highways

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