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Question:

What are the works progress, expenditure and manpower involved, and the dates of completion of the investigation and preliminary design (I&PD) for the Tuen Mun Western Bypass (TMWB)? In 2013-14, will the Highways Department (HyD) conduct joint public consultation with other departments for the construction of TMWB? What are the respective expenditure and manpower involved, and the anticipated dates of completion?

Asked by: Hon. KWOK Ka-ki

Reply:

The HyD is continuing with the preliminary design and the relevant impact assessment of the proposed TMWB. During this process, we will review the technical issues arising from the project, taking into account comments raised by the public (in particular, their concern over the impact of the northern viaduct section and the exit of the southern tunnel section at Tsing Tin Interchange on residents and facilities nearby), and update the related forecast traffic demand. We will continue to consult the stakeholders with a view to completing the abovementioned tasks as soon as possible. The I&PD work for the proposed TMWB in 2013-14 is estimated to be about \$5 million. The HyD has been deploying internal staff to oversee the I&PD work.

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