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Question:

How effective are the bus-bus interchanges (BBIs) on Tuen Mun Road since their commissioning? What are the expenditure and number of staff involved in the BBIs on Tuen Mun Road?

Asked by: Hon. KWOK Ka-ki

Reply:

The Kowloon-bound BBI on Tuen Mun Road was opened to the public on 26 December 2012. It enables passengers in Tuen Mun to make use of the short-haul routes in their respective regions to reach the BBI and then interchange for long-haul routes to other destinations such as Tsim Sha Tsui, Kowloon East and Sha Tin. As a result, the bus service network of Tuen Mun has been extended and the overall efficiency of the bus network of the district has been improved. Passengers generally welcome the extended bus network as a result of the BBI.

The Kowloon-bound BBI is currently made use of by seven short-haul routes and five long-haul routes. The number of passengers using the Kowloon-bound BBI has been increasing since its commissioning. At present, about 2 500 to 3 000 passengers make use of the BBI daily. The Transport Department and the bus companies plan to divert more bus routes to use the BBIs, in particular upon the commissioning of the Tuen Mun bound BBI which is scheduled for mid-2013.

The estimated expenditure for the BBI project is \$205 million (in money-of-the-day prices). The design and supervision of works are carried out by consultants who are managed mainly by two professional staff of the Highways Department as part of their overall duties.

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