Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2013-14

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

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<u>Head</u>: 60 - Highways Department <u>Subhead (No. & title)</u>:

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Question:

In 2013-14, the Highways Department (HyD) will pursue the detailed design for the road improvement works in the West Kowloon Reclamation Development Phase 1 and retrofitting of noise barriers on the Tuen Mun Road Town Centre Section. What are the related details? Will the HyD conduct joint public consultation with other departments for the aforesaid projects? What are the respective expenditure and staff involved, and the anticipated completion dates of the projects?

Asked by: Hon. KWOK Ka-ki

Reply:

Details of the two projects, with detailed design in progress, are set out below:

Project title	Details
Proposed road improvement works in West Kowloon Reclamation Development – Phase 1	The project aims to improve the existing road infrastructure in the West Kowloon Reclamation Development area through various road improvement schemes. Public consultation was jointly conducted with the Transport Department (TD) in May 2012.
Retrofitting of noise barriers on Tuen Mun Road Town Centre Section	The project aims to retrofit about 650-metre long noise barriers on Tuen Mun Road between Kam Hing Building and Lakeshore Building. Public consultation will be jointly conducted with other departments, including the Environmental Protection Department and the TD in due course.

For the proposed road improvement works in West Kowloon, the expenditure for consultancy fee and site investigation works is about \$2 million in 2013-14.

For the retrofitting of noise barriers on the Tuen Mun Road Town Centre Section, the expenditure for the consultant's design fee and site investigation works is about \$1.3 million in 2013-14.

We will map out the implementation programme for both projects during the detailed design stage.

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