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Question:

In the year 2013-14, the Highways Department (HyD) will continue with the detailed design for the Central Kowloon Route (CKR) and Hiram's Highway Improvement Stage 1. 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 manpower involved, and the anticipated completion dates of the projects?

Asked by: Hon. KWOK Ka-ki

Reply:

CKR

The proposed CKR would be a dual three-lane strategic east-west link across the Kowloon Peninsula. We conducted the second stage of public engagement exercise from December 2012 to March 2013 to collect public views on the detailed design and construction arrangements of the CKR project. The HyD is enhancing the detailed design of the project, taking into account the feedback from the public. In 2013-14, we will continue to maintain liaison with the public through the publication of newsletters and the establishment of a Community Liaison Centre. The estimated expenditure for such work in 2013-14 is about \$3 million. The HyD has been deploying internal staff to undertake such work.

Stage 1 Improvement to Hiram's Highway

The HyD engaged a consultant in June 2012 to undertake the detailed design for the project Stage 1 Improvement for the Hiram's Highway. The ground investigation works and detailed design are in progress, and will be completed in mid-2013 and early 2014 respectively. The HyD, the Transport Department and the Lands Department have been consulting the Sai Kung District Council and the locals throughout the design stage. For 2013-14, the estimated cost

