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Question:

Regarding the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge (HZMB) under construction, will the Administration provide the following information:

- (a) the works progress, construction expenditure in the year 2013-14, and the anticipated percentage increase in the prices of construction materials for the Hong Kong Boundary Crossing Facilities (HKBCF);
- (b) the number of manpower from the construction industry, and the distribution and number of vacancies for the works of the HZMB in 2012-13;
- (c) the anticipated manpower required from the construction industry and the anticipated number of vacancies in the coming three financial years (2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16); and
- (d) the details of the recruitment channel for vacancies and plans of absorbing talents for the coming three financial years (2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16).

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Reply:

- (a) The reclamation works of the HZMB HKBCF commenced in November 2011. The superstructures works are under design with construction scheduled for commencement by phases from 2014. The estimated expenditure in 2013-14 for the HZMB HKBCF – Reclamation and Superstructures project (PWP No. 6845TH) is \$2,104.2 million. The price fluctuation for construction materials for 2013-14 will be derived from the relevant cost indices to be published by the Census and Statistics Department, and has been provided for in the estimated expenditure.

- (b) The local manpower employed in the construction of the HZMB projects in 2012-13 are as follows:

Project	Professional / technical staff	Workers
HKBCF	290	390
Hong Kong Link Road (HKLR)	320	340

- (c) The local manpower required in the coming three years (2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16) are estimated as follows:

Year	Project	Professional / technical staff	Workers
2013-14	HKBCF	620	2 340
	HKLR	740	2 980
2014-15	HKBCF	1 300	7 660
	HKLR	790	3 720
2015-16	HKBCF	1 300	7 660
	HKLR	790	3 720

- (d) The professional / technical staff and workers for the HZMB projects are directly employed by the Highways Department's consultants and contractors. They are mainly employed through open recruitment, the Labour Department's employment service, job fairs and recruitment exercises in academic and technical institutions.

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