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Question:

Regarding the design and site investigation of the Shatin to Central Link (SCL), Community Liaison Groups (CLGs) were established for the stations along the line for the advance works of construction of the SCL. Please advise on the administrative expenses involved. What are the respective administrative expenses for the CLGs of the stations? Have provisions been made for the establishment of the CLGs for the stations along the East Rail, the West Rail and the Ma On Shan Rail? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. FAN Kwok-wai, Gary

Reply:

During the construction stage of a railway project, the MTR Corporation Limited (MTRCL) sets up CLGs to provide a forum for communication with the local community on major issues that may affect the community during the construction stage. Since the SCL project is only at the design and investigation stages, no CLG has yet been set up and, correspondingly, no expenses incurred for this purpose.

Given that the modification works along the East Rail Line, the West Rail Line and the Ma On Shan Line associated with the SCL are mainly confined to within stations or depots, and are relatively minor in nature, the MTRCL has no plan thus far to set up CLG for such works. Nonetheless, the MTRCL would continue to liaise closely with stakeholders, including the District Councils, during the implementation of the SCL project.

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