

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
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Programme: (1) Capital Projects

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Question:

Regarding the 'expenditure in the year on capital projects under design and construction', will the Administration inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) the type of projects by the consultants and the expenditure for the past year and the coming year (i.e. 2012-13 and 2013-14); and
- (b) the reasons for the substantial increase in the related expenditure.

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Reply:

- (a) The capital projects under design and construction by consultants are mainly new road construction works, and major road reconstruction or improvement works. The expenditure for these projects in 2012-13 is about \$11,700 million, and the estimated expenditure in 2013-14 is around \$17,200 million.
- (b) The increase in planned expenditure in 2013-14 over the actual expenditure in 2012-13 is to meet the programme of on-going construction projects, mainly the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge (HZMB) – Hong Kong Link Road and the HZMB Hong Kong Boundary Crossing Facilities – reclamation and superstructures projects, which commenced in the second quarter of 2012 and the fourth quarter of 2011 respectively.

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