

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
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Question:

Regarding the 'receiving and assessing of proposals on the Northern Link (NOL)', will the Administration inform this Committee of:

- (a) how to determine the percentage of work completed; and
- (b) the reasons for the increase of only 4% in the percentage completed from 2011 (actual) to 2013 (plan)? What are the items included?

Asked by: Hon. TANG Ka-piu

Reply:

- (a) & (b) The task of receiving and assessing proposals on the NOL from 2011 onwards mainly covers the ongoing review of the NOL under the study for the Review and Update of the Railway Development Strategy 2000 (RDS-2U) which commenced in March 2011. We carried out the Stage 1 public engagement exercise from April to July 2012 to consult the public on the proposals of three major regional railway corridors including the NOL. The extent of in-house resources deployed in the Highways Department in assessing the NOL has been used to determine the percentage of work completed for this task. We will review the case for a better reference point for meeting the target for future years.

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