

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Programme: (3) Railway Development

Controlling Officer: Director of Highways

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Transport and Housing

Question:

Regarding the ‘capital projects under design and construction entrusted to the railway corporation or other agencies’, will the Administration provide the following information:

- (a) Provide information on the name and content of projects, and the amount paid by the Government to the railway corporation and other agencies by using the following table; and

Name of project	Content of project	Amount paid to the agencies	Percentage of amount paid against project expenditure
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- (b) What are the criteria and vetting procedures adopted by the Government in entrusting projects to different agencies?

Asked by: Hon. TANG Ka-piu

Reply:

- (a) When entrusting a project to a party, the Government will, following established arrangement, pay for the actual design and construction cost which is ascertained through proper tendering procedures. To implement the project, the project trustee will provide services on project management and supervise the construction. The Government will pay the project trustee for their expenses in providing the said services as project management cost (PMC). The estimated PMCs in respect of the projects are tabulated below:

Name and details of project	Estimated PMC	
	Amount (\$ million)	Approximate percentage of project cost
Shatin to Central Link (SCL) – construction of railway works – protection works	Note	-
SCL – construction of railway works – protection works in Wan Chai Development Phase II	Note	-
SCL – design and site investigation	322	10.5%
SCL – construction of railway works – advance works	711	
SCL – construction of non-railway works – advance works	168	
SCL – construction of railway works – remaining works	4,755	
SCL – construction of non-railway works – remaining works	445	
Hong Kong section of the Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link (XRL) – design and site investigation	330	
XRL – construction of railway works	3,261	
XRL – construction of non-railway works	699	
West Island Line – essential public infrastructure works	12	16.5%
South Island Line (East) – essential public infrastructure works	108	16.5%
Kwun Tong Line Extension – essential public infrastructure works	94	16.5%
West Rail (Phase 1) – essential public infrastructure works for Tuen Mun	220	16.5%
West Rail (Phase 1) – essential public infrastructure works for Sham Shui Po		
West Rail (Phase 1) – essential public infrastructure works for Yuen Long		

Name and details of project	Estimated PMC	
	Amount (\$ million)	Approximate percentage of project cost
East Rail Extension – essential public infrastructure works for the Sheung Shui to Lok Ma Chau Spur Line	66	16.5%
Public Transport Interchange at the Lok Ma Chau Rail Terminus of the Sheung Shui to Lok Ma Chau Spur Line		
Huanggang-Lok Ma Chau Passenger Bridge Ground Investigation		

Note:

Not applicable as the works have been entrusted to other government departments.

- (b) For railway projects implemented under the concession approach (for example, the XRL and the SCL), the Government funds the projects and the MTR Corporation Limited (MTRCL) will be granted a service concession to operate the completed railways. Being the future operator, the MTRCL is best placed to undertake the design and construction works, and is so entrusted.

For other works associated with the railway works, which include the essential public infrastructure works, they are entrusted to the railway corporations or other interfacing parties, which possess the expertise and experience to undertake such works, in order to ensure better interfacing arrangements, timely completion of the works and minimal disturbance to the public.

The entrustment arrangements have gone through the established vetting process within the Government.

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