

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**THB(T)207****(Question Serial No. 0350)**

Head: (706) Capital Works Reserve Fund - Highways

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Controlling Officer: Director of Highways (K K LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Transport and Housing

Question (Member Question No. 19):

Subhead 6845TH "Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge (HZMB) Hong Kong boundary crossing facilities (HKBCF) – reclamation and superstructures"

According to the original proposals approved by the Finance Committee, 6845TH "HZMB HKBCF Reclamation and Superstructures", the Administration plans to complete HKBCF in tandem with other HZMB projects to dovetail with the commissioning of the HZMB by end 2016. The expenditure on the HKBCF was expected to be HK\$1,830.7 million for 2012-13, HK\$2,457 million for 2013-14, and HK\$5,056.9 million for 2014-15. However, the expenditure on the HKBCF so far seems to be lagging behind the Administration's plan, with the actual expenditure of HK\$1,322.8 million on the HKBCF as of 31 March 2013, the revised estimate of HK\$1,930.8 million for 2013-14, and the current estimate of HK\$3,394.5 million for 2014-15. In this connection, will the Administration inform this Committee:

- (a) the reasons for the underspending;
- (b) the progress of the construction of HKBCF; and
- (c) whether the completion date of HKBCF will be deferred due to the underspending.

Asked by: Hon. SHEK Lai-him, Abraham

Reply:

The construction of the HKBCF is being implemented through one reclamation contract and six superstructure contracts. The reclamation contract commenced in November 2011 as planned and various portions of reclaimed land are being formed in phases for construction of the superstructure works, which will commence in tandem starting from April 2014. Hence the peak construction periods will be in the year 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17. All the works contracts are scheduled for completion by end 2016 to match with the commissioning of the HZMB. The difference in the estimated cash flow is due to the adjustment of implementation schedule for the works contracts.