

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**THB(T)024****(Question Serial No. 0401)**

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Question (Member Question No. 32):

Regarding the Central Kowloon Route project, please provide information on the current work progress. Up to now, what are the yearly costs involved for the relevant advance works already approved?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Kam-lam

Reply:

The Highways Department (HyD) is carrying out the detailed design of the Central Kowloon Route project. The Director of Environmental Protection approved the Environmental Impact Assessment report for the project on 11 July 2013 and issued the Environmental Permit on 9 August 2013. The road works were gazetted under the Roads (Works, Use and Compensation) Ordinance (Cap. 370) on 1 November 2013 and the HyD is now handling the objections received.

The expenditure on advance works for the project in the last three years are as follows -

Actual expenditure for 2011-12	\$15.12 million
Actual expenditure for 2012-13	\$21.25 million
Revised estimated expenditure for 2013-14	\$23.66 million