

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****THB(T)050****(Question Serial No. 0417)**

Head: (60) Highways Department  
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Question (Member Question No. 16):

Regarding the “studies and other tasks carried out by consultants”, will the Department provide information on the following:

- (1) - Which are the studies expected to be commissioned to consultants in this financial year and what is the respective breakdown of the expenditure?
- (2) - Are there any mechanisms and criteria for monitoring the performance of consultants? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons? And
- (3) - Will commissioning priority be accorded to local consultants? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

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Reply:

(1) - The five studies being/to be carried out by the consultants in 2014 are:

- (a) - Shatin to Central Link (SCL) – Independent design review, checking of project cost and cost apportionment for design and site investigation phase (anticipated total expenditure: \$20.3 million);
- (b) - SCL – Monitoring and verification consultancy for construction, testing and commissioning phase (anticipated total expenditure: \$181.8 million);
- (c) - Hong Kong section of Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link (XRL) – Monitoring and verification consultancy for construction, testing and commissioning phase (anticipated total expenditure: \$83.8 million);
- (d) - Review and Update of the Railway Development Strategy 2000 (anticipated total expenditure: \$43 million); and
- (e) - XRL – Professional Services in connection with the Service Concession for the Operation of the XRL (anticipated total expenditure: \$19.4 million).

- (2) - The performance of consultants will be assessed regularly in accordance with established procedures within the Government.
- (3) - Procurement of consultants is carried out according to established procedures under which an invitation for expression of interest from consultants will be published on the internet. All interested consultants are welcome to submit proposals.