

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

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Head: (60) Highways Department  
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Controlling Officer: Director of Highways (K K LAU)  
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Question (Member Question No. 37):

Under this Programme, the Highways Department plans to have five studies carried out by consultants in 2014, involving an expenditure of \$348 million. In this connection, will the Administration advise this Committee of the content of the studies and the respective estimated expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. TIEN Pei-chun, James

Reply:

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).