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Controlling Officer: Director of Highways (K K LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Transport and Housing

Question (Member Question No. 85)

For Subhead 6855TH "Road improvement works in West Kowloon reclamation development, phase 1", what will be the uses of the estimated provision for 2014-15? According to the Government, what are the expected completion dates of the various improvement projects and what will be the effect of the projects upon completion? Please provide information on respective projects in terms of date of commencement / completion of works, estimated expenditure and effectiveness, etc.

Asked by: Hon. WU Chi-wai

Reply:

Subject to funding approval from the Legislative Council, the Government plans to start the construction works for Item 6855TH – Road Improvement Works for West Kowloon Reclamation Development (Phase 1) this year for completion in 2017. The scope of the project includes improving the junction between Canton Road and Austin Road, and providing road connections between Nga Cheung Road and West Kowloon Highway (WKH), and from Nga Cheung Road to Western Harbour Crossing (WHC). These road connections will provide alternative routes for vehicles using WKH and WHC to bypass the local road network in the West Kowloon Reclamation Development area, thus relieving the congestion at key road junctions in the area.

The estimated expenditure of the project in 2014-15 is about \$75.8 million, which will be used for carrying out the construction works, and for paying consultancy fee for the supervision of the works.