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Question (Member Question No. 35):

The expenditure on capital projects under design and construction keeps rising in recent years, of which the estimated expenditure on consultants in 2014 has increased by more than \$2 billion as compared with 2013. Will the Administration explain the reasons? Are there any measures to keep the expenditure on consultants from rising continually?

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Reply:

The increase in the estimated expenditure in 2014 over the actual expenditure in 2013 is due to the increase in programmed construction activities of major infrastructure projects managed by consultants, such as the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge — Hong Kong Link Road and the Tuen Mun-Chek Lap Kok Link. The Highways Department will closely monitor the progress and expenditure of these projects managed by consultants to meet the respective project programmes.