## Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2014-15

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## CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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<u>Head</u>: (60) Highways Department

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<u>Programme</u>: (3) Railway Development

Controlling Officer: Director of Highways (K K LAU)

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Transport and Housing

Question (Member Question No. 36):

The work of receiving and assessing proposals on the Northern Link was terminated prematurely in 2014. Will the Administration provide reasons for the termination of the related work and elaborate on whether the Northern Link proposal has been shelved?

Asked by: Hon. FAN Kwok-wai, Gary

Reply:

The target of "receiving and assessing proposals on the Northern Link" as stated in the Controlling Officer's Report was set up to follow up on a previous Kowloon-Canton Railway proposal for the Northern Link. The target has become obsolete as the Northern Link, with modified strategic functions, is now one of the conceptual railway proposals being studied under the Review and Update of the "Railway Development Strategy 2000". The results of the review are scheduled for announcement in 2014.