

**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. 53):

Under Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2014-15 of this Programme, the Administration stated that it will undertake the investigation and preliminary design for improvement to Fan Kam Road. In this connection, will the Government inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) - What are the reasons for initiating works to improve the afore-mentioned highway?
- (b) - What are the operational expenditure, staff establishment and estimated salary expenditure for the afore-mentioned matter in the 2014-15 estimates?
- (c) - How will local traffic be improved upon completion of the project?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Wai-yip, Albert

Reply:

- (a) The project aims to enhance road safety and increase traffic capacity of Fan Kam Road.
- (b) In 2014-15, the estimated expenditure for the project is about \$5 million for site investigation works and payment of consultancy fees. The Highways Department has been deploying existing staff to oversee the implementation of the project.
- (c) Upon completion of the project, critical sections of Fan Kam Road would be upgraded to the current design standards. It is anticipated that road safety and traffic capacity of the road would be improved.