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Question (Member Question No. 23):

Does the Administration have plans to construct “Tung Chung West MTR Station” or “Yat Tung Estate Station” to meet the future population growth in Tung Chung West? If yes, what are the details and expenditure? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. HO Chun-yan, Albert

Reply:

The Government has commissioned a consultant to conduct a study for the Review and Update of the “Railway Development Strategy 2000”, with a view to updating the long-term railway development blueprint for Hong Kong to cater for the latest development needs of the society. Two stages of Public Engagement exercise were conducted to explore the conceptual proposals of ten railway schemes (including the Tung Chung West Extension). The estimated total expenditure for the study is \$43 million.

The Government is finalising the blueprint for railway development beyond 2020 having regard to transport demand, cost-effectiveness and development needs of New Development Areas. The Government will announce the way forward for the new railway proposals as soon as possible.