Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2014-15

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Question (Member Question No. 165):

How effective are the bus-bus interchanges (BBIs) on Tuen Mun Road since their commissioning? What are the expenditure and number of staff involved in the BBIs on Tuen Mun Road in 2014-15?

Asked by: Hon. KWOK Ka-ki

Reply:

The Kowloon-bound BBI and the Tuen Mun-bound BBI on Tuen Mun Road were open to the public on 26 December 2012 and 27 July 2013 respectively. The BBIs have been operating smoothly since their commissioning.

The BBIs currently serve 24 bus routes. About 20 000 passengers make use of the BBIs daily, with about 12 000 passengers using the Tuen Mun-bound BBI and about 8 000 passengers using the Kowloon bound-BBI.

The estimated expenditure for the remaining works of the BBIs in 2014-15 is \$17.7 million. The design and supervision of works are carried out by consultants who are managed by two professional staff of the Highways Department as part of their normal duties.