

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**THB(T)229**

**(Question Serial No. 4910)**

Head: (60) Highways Department  
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified  
Programme: (1) Capital Projects  
Controlling Officer: Director of Highways (K K LAU)  
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Transport and Housing

Question (Member Question No. 336):

- (1) What is the respective progress of the various works of the Central-Wan Chai Bypass and the Island Eastern Corridor Link project? Is the progress in line with the anticipated construction schedule of the Department prior to the commencement of the works?
- (2) There are a significant number of trees in the Victoria Park affected by the Island Eastern Corridor Link works, which are required to be transplanted. What is the current progress and expenditure of the relevant works? Please provide the quantities of trees to be transplanted, at plant nurseries and having been transplanted, and the survival rates.

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Ka-lok, Kenneth

Reply:

- (1) All the 13 works contracts under the Central-Wan Chai Bypass and Island Eastern Corridor Link project have been awarded, with five of them substantially completed. Up to February 2014, over 40% of the tunnel structure has been completed. The progress of works is generally satisfactory. It is expected that the project will be commissioned in 2017.
- (2) The progress of tree transplanting works in the Victoria Park is generally satisfactory. Up to March 2014, 232 trees have been transplanted to the holding nursery, and 24 trees have been transplanted within the Victoria Park. Another 33 trees will be transplanted in 2014. A survival rate of 100% has been achieved so far, with all the transplanted trees in good condition. The estimated cost for the tree transplanting works is \$21 million.