

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

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Question (Member Question No. 194):

What is the progress of the detailed design for the Central Kowloon Route? What are the anticipated dates of commencement and completion of the construction works?

Asked by: Hon. WU Chi-wai

Reply:

The Highways Department (HyD) is carrying out the detailed design of the Central Kowloon Route project. The Director of Environmental Protection approved the Environmental Impact Assessment report for the project on 11 July 2013 and issued the Environmental Permit on 9 August 2013. The road works were gazetted under the Roads (Works, Use and Compensation) Ordinance (Cap. 370) on 1 November 2013, and the HyD is now handling the objections received. The Government plans to seek funding approval from the Legislative Council in 2015, so as to commence construction of the project in the same year for completion in about five years' time.