

**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. 80):

Under Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2014-15 of this Programme, the Administration stated that it will co-ordinate with the Mainland authorities on cross-boundary infrastructure developments. In this connection, will the Government inform this Committee:

- (1) Which Mainland departments or bodies will the Administration co-ordinate with?
- (2) What is the co-ordination mechanism between the Administration and the Mainland departments or bodies?
- (3) How can the Administration ensure effectiveness of the co-ordination mechanism?
- (4) How can the Administration ensure that, while co-ordinating with the Mainland departments and bodies, the interests of Hong Kong people are well protected?
- (5) What are the operating expenses, staff establishment and estimated salary expenditure for the afore-mentioned matter in the 2014-15 estimates?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Wai-yip, Albert

Reply:

The cross-boundary infrastructure development in question is the Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link project. The Highways Department (HyD) will ensure that the scope and expenditure for the project are as approved by the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council. The HyD has established various liaison groups with the relevant Mainland authorities for the implementation of the project. The relevant expenses are absorbed by in-house resources.