

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Head: (60) Highways Department

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Programme: (3) Railway Development

Controlling Officer: Director of Highways (K K LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Transport and Housing

Question:

In Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2015-16 under this Programme, the Government 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 Government co-ordinate with?
- (2) What is the co-ordination mechanism between the Government and the Mainland departments or bodies?
- (3) How can the Government ensure effectiveness of the co-ordination mechanism?
- (4) How can the Government 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 2015-16 estimates?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Wai-yip, Albert (Member Question No. 44)

Reply:

The cross-boundary infrastructure development in question is the Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link project. The Highways Department 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.

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