

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Head: (60) Highways Department

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Programme: (1) Capital Projects

Controlling Officer: Director of Highways (K K LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Transport and Housing

Question:

From 2014 to now, three out of 13 works contracts were not commenced according to the agreed programme. What projects are involved in these contracts? What are the construction cost for each project and what progress can be expected?

Asked by: Hon LAU Wong-fat (Member Question No. 6)

Reply:

As indicated in the Controlling Officer's Report of the Highways Department, in 2014, four out of 13 works contracts were not commenced according to the agreed programme.

Out of the four contracts concerned, three are for the construction of infrastructure and building works for the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge Hong Kong Boundary Crossing Facilities. Of these three contracts, two were awarded in February 2015 and March 2015 at contract prices of \$2,259.6 million and \$7,657.2 million respectively; and one is being tendered.

The remaining contract is the Road Improvement Works for the West Kowloon Reclamation Development (Phase 1) project. The funding proposal of the project was endorsed by the Public Works Subcommittee of the Legislative Council on 9 January 2015 and approved by the Finance Committee on 27 February 2015. The Approved Project Estimate is \$845.8 million. The contract was awarded in March 2015.

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