

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**THB(T)046****(Question Serial No. 0933)**

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:

Regarding the target of completing works contracts in accordance with agreed programmes under Key Performance of Programme (1): Capital Projects, please provide the following information:

1. According to the Transport and Housing Bureau, there is delay in the works of the Hong Kong Boundary Crossing Facilities and the Hong Kong Link Road for the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge. This year's Policy Agenda also points out the risk of delay in the works of the Central-Wan Chai Bypass and the Island Eastern Corridor Link. Nevertheless, the percentage of works contracts completed in accordance with agreed programmes is 100%. How are these targets formulated? Please also provide the details of all the contracts concerned for last year; and
2. While the percentage of works contracts completed in accordance with agreed programmes being 100%, what is the reason for the Department to set this year's target at 95%? Does this mean that contractors are allowed to extend the date of completion and let the cost to over-run so that they may make claims on the contingency?

Asked by: Hon TANG Ka-piu (Member Question No. 20)

Reply:

1. In 2013, we estimated that eight works contracts as listed in the table below would be completed in 2014. As all these eight works contracts were subsequently completed in 2014, the actual performance was 100%.

Contract No.	Contract Title
HY/2007/17	Minor road projects in the New Territories – fourth contract
HY/2008/09	Widening of Tolo Highway/Fanling Highway between Island House Interchange and Fanling (Stage 1 – between Island House Interchange and Ma Wo)

Contract No.	Contract Title
HY/2009/03	Design and Build of traffic improvements to Tuen Mun Road Town Centre Section
HY/2009/06	Centre Street Escalator Link
HY/2009/08	Widening of Tolo Highway/Fanling Highway between Island House Interchange and Fanling (Stage 1 – between Ma Wo and Tai Hang)
HY/2010/07	Provision of lifts to two footbridges across Wong Chuk Hang Road near Yip Kan Street and across Leighton Road and Irving Street, a bridge across Tuen Mun Road near Tsing To Path, and a subway across Pak Wo Road near Fung Ying Sin Koon
HY/2010/10	Retrofitting of noise barriers on Tai Wo Road near Po Nga Court, Tai Po
HY/2011/12	Provision of lifts to two footbridges across Waterloo Road near Suffolk Road and across Tsing Yi Heung Sze Wui Road near Vigor Industrial Building, and two subways across Aberdeen Praya Road near Old Main Street Aberdeen and across Tai Po Road near Pei Ho Street

2. For each year, there would be a number of contracts anticipated for completion within that year. Although the Highways Department (HyD) would make every effort to complete all of them that year, allowance would be made for factors beyond both the HyD's and the contractors' control, such as inclement weather, and thus a 95% target is set for the said purpose as per the past practice.

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