

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

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Question:

The Highways Department (HyD) has been responsible for monitoring the progress of the works of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge (HZMB) Main Bridge in the Mainland. In this connection, please provide information on the following:

- (a) What mechanism is there between the HyD and the Mainland authorities for the HyD to monitor the progress of the works of the HZMB Main Bridge in the Mainland?
- (b) Under the current assessment by the HyD, is the works progress of the HZMB Main Bridge in the Mainland in accordance with schedule? If no, what is the time of delay as compared to the schedule?

Asked by: Hon FAN Kwok-wai, Gary (Member Question No. 33)

Reply:

According to the agreement of the three governments, the HZMB Authority jointly set up by the three governments is responsible for the construction, operation, management and maintenance of the HZMB Main Bridge. The HZMB Authority has to report the progress of the works to the three governments from time to time. The three governments meet regularly to monitor the progress of the HZMB Main Bridge, and the associated works of the three sides.

As indicated by the Secretary for Transport and Housing at the Legislative Council Panel on Transport on 16 January this year, the Joint Works Committee of the Three Governments (JWC) had advised that it would be very difficult for the entire HZMB project to be completed by end 2016. The JWC and the HZMB Authority will further conduct an in-depth and objective analysis on the programme of the project. Besides, Mr Li Chun-hong, the Director of the Guangdong Development and Reform Commission, advised at the press conference of the third session of the 12th Guangdong Provincial People's Congress held on 10 February this year that, as the HZMB project encountered many unforeseen difficulties and technical problems, it appeared to be very difficult to commission the HZMB by end 2016.

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