

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Head: (706) Capital Works Reserve Fund - Highways

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (-) Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Highways (K K LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Transport and Housing

Question:

What is the progress of Subhead 6064TR “Shatin to Central Link – construction of non-railway works – advance works”? What are the purposes for which the 2015-16 expenditure is to be used? Can the entire project be completed according to the anticipated date of completion as indicated in the Approved Estimate?

Asked by: Hon FAN Kwok-wai, Gary (Member Question No. 43)

Reply:

According to Rule 49 of the Finance Committee Procedures, special meetings of the Finance Committee are convened to examine the annual Estimates of Expenditure prepared by the Government in support of the Appropriation Bill.

Expenditure charged to the Capital Works Reserve Fund do **not** form part of the Appropriation Bill. As such, questions relating to expenditure under the Fund are **not** relevant to the examination of the Estimates of Expenditure or the Appropriation Bill.

The scope of the works under Subhead 6064TR “Shatin to Central Link – construction of non-railway works – advance works” comprises (a) reprovisioning of the International Mail Centre (IMC) at Hung Hom; and (b) reprovisioning works at the Harcourt Garden and the Hong Kong Park, to vacate relevant work sites at Hung Hom, the Harcourt Garden and the Hong Kong Park for the construction works of the Shatin to Central Link (SCL) and South Island Line (East) (SIL(E)).

The reprovisioning of the IMC was completed in June 2014 as originally scheduled. The reprovisioning works at the Harcourt Garden and the Hong Kong Park are being carried out in conjunction with the works at Admiralty Station for the SIL(E). The completion date of the reprovisioning of the Harcourt Garden and the Hong Kong Park originally scheduled for

end 2015 will be deferred due to the delay of the SIL(E). The new completion date is under review by the MTR Corporation Limited.

The anticipated expenditure in 2015-16 under Subhead 6064TR is for the finalisation of the works contracts of the reprovisioning of the IMC and the construction works for the reprovisioning works at the Harcourt Garden and the Hong Kong Park.

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