

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Head: (60) Highways Department
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Programme: (3) Railway Development
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Question:

Please provide the following information:

- (a) What was the staffing and expenditure involved in monitoring the progress of the Hong Kong section of the Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link (XRL) in the past three years? and
- (b) Given the MTR Corporation Limited's announcement about the delayed commissioning of the above project last year, in the coming three years, will the Government allocate more staff and expenditure to make monitoring of this project more accurate?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Han-pan (Member Question No. 11)

Reply:

- (a) The Highways Department (HyD) deploys in-house staff resources (with a delegated team of one Chief Engineer (CE/RD2-3), five Senior Engineers, eight Engineers and one Assistant Engineer) to monitor the implementation of the XRL project. A consultant has been employed to assist the HyD to carry out the monitoring and verification work. The total consultancy fee spent in the past three years (from 2012 to 2014) is \$49.8 million.
- (b) In order to enhance the monitoring of the project, the HyD will deploy three additional professional staff (one Senior Engineer and two Engineers/Assistant Engineers) to the project in 2015-16.

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