

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**THB(T)041****(Question Serial No. 3100)**Head: (60) Highways DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not SpecifiedProgramme: (3) Railway DevelopmentControlling Officer: Director of Highways (K K LAU)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Transport and HousingQuestion:

- (A) Please provide information regarding the commissioning of consultants by the Highways Department (HyD) to carry out studies in the past three years.

2012-13

Name of Study	Total number of tenders received during tendering period	Consultancy fee	Date of study	Differences between predictions in the consultant's report and actual construction works

2013-14

Name of Study	Total number of tenders received during tendering period	Consultancy fee	Date of study	Differences between predictions in the consultant's report and actual construction works

2014-15

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- (B) Given the delay in progress of various railway projects in recent years, what criteria does the Government adopt to compare and contrast the actual construction works with

the findings of the consultant's report, so as to ensure the quality of the studies and that they can enhance the implementation of the railway schemes?

Asked by: Hon LAM Kin-fung, Jeffrey (Member Question No. 45)

Reply:

The MTR Corporation Limited (MTRCL) is obliged under the entrustment agreements / project agreements with the Government to implement the railway projects. Hence, the MTRCL prepares the project implementation programmes at design stages and compares the actual progress of the construction works against the project implementation programmes. The HyD monitors the implementation works of the MTRCL with the assistance of consultants on some specialised tasks. These consultants employed by the Government are responsible for monitoring the progress of the construction works against the project implementation programmes prepared by the MTRCL, and identifying any deficiencies for improvement to enhance the quality of works.

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