

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****THB(T)238****(Question Serial No. 3902)**

Head: (60) Highways Department

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Programme: (1) Capital Projects

Controlling Officer: Director of Highways (K K LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Transport and Housing

Question:

Please inform the Committee on:

Over the past three years, what were the respective staffing and expenditures involved in the works of the related projects of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge (HZMB) each year? What were the details of these works?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Han-pan (Member Question No. 65)

Reply:

The expenditure of the related local projects of the HZMB in the past three years is as follows:

Project	Expenditure (\$ million)		
	2012-13 (actual)	2013-14 (actual)	2014-15 (revised estimate)
Hong Kong Link Road (HKLR)	1,989.8	4,237.3	4,296.5
Hong Kong Boundary Crossing Facilities (HKBCF)	1,258.6	1,919.8	3,394.5
Tuen Mun-Chek Lap Kok Link (TM-CLKL) <sup>Note</sup>	323.7	1,729.9	4,871.8

<sup>Note</sup> This comprises the Approved Project Estimate of Public Works Programme (PWP) Item 6846TH TM-CLKL – detailed design, site investigation and advance works of \$1,910 million, and that of PWP item 6857TH TM-CLKL – construction works of \$44,798 million.

The Highways Department (HyD) has been deploying existing staff, with the assistance of consultants, to oversee the implementation of these projects.

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.

As for the local projects in Hong Kong, according to the current progress, the HKBCF and HKLR projects may not be completed in time by end 2016. The HyD is reviewing the anticipated completion dates.

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