

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:

Regarding the provision of lifts in Kowloon West, does the Government have a timetable for the implementation at (1) across Princess Margaret Road near Wylie Road and the Oi Man Estate; and (2) Waterloo Hill? If yes, what are the details and expenses involved? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon WONG Pik-wan, Helena (Member Question No. 88)

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 retrofitting of lifts for the footbridge across Princess Margaret Road near Wylie Road and the Oi Man Estate (Highways Department Structure No. KF6) is one of the items under the "Universal Accessibility" Programme. The construction works commenced in August 2014, and are anticipated for completion by 2017. The estimated construction cost is \$28 million.

As regards the "Lift and Pedestrian Walkway System at Waterloo Hill" project, the proposed scheme was authorised under the Roads (Works, Use and Compensation) Ordinance (Cap 370) in 2014. We are now carrying out detailed design of the project, and will take forward the project according to the established procedures under the Public Works Programme.

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