

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 are the details of the road improvement works for the West Kowloon Reclamation Development - Phase 1? What are the schedule of the works and the expenses involved?

Asked by: Hon WONG Pik-wan, Helena (Member Question No. 98)

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 "Road Improvement Works for the West Kowloon Reclamation Development (Phase 1)" project includes (a) the construction of a single lane elevated carriageway connecting Hoi Po Road to West Kowloon Highway northbound; (b) the construction of a single lane elevated carriageway connecting the elevated Nga Cheung Road to the toll plaza of Western Harbour Crossing; (c) the construction of a single lane at-grade carriageway connecting West Kowloon Highway southbound to the elevated Nga Cheung Road; (d) the widening of the junction of Canton Road with Austin Road and Austin Road West, the junction of Canton Road with Wui Cheung Road and the junction of Canton Road with Jordan Road and Ferry Street; and (e) associated civil and road works, slope and geotechnical works, public lighting facilities, drainage and water works, and landscaping works. With the funding approved by the Finance Committee on 27 February 2015, we plan to commence construction works in March 2015 for completion by mid-2018. The estimated cost of the project is \$845.8 million in money-of-the-day prices.

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