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Question:

- (1) What is the progress on the construction of To Kwa Wan (TKW) Station of the Shatin to Central Link (SCL)? Have Well J2 and the water channel at the site been relocated? If yes, where are these relics kept and what are their present conditions? If no, when will they be relocated?
- (2) What are the present conditions of the remnants at the southern portion of Adit C? Regarding further negotiation on the conservation of the remnants, please provide the work plan and timetable?
- (3) What are the present conditions of the remaining relics and remnants being preserved in-situ?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Ka-lok, Kenneth (Member Question No. 361)

Reply:

- (1) Excavation of the launching shaft for the tunnel boring machines (TBM) at the TKW Station has been completed. The first TBM for the tunnelling works from the TKW Station to the Homantin Station is being assembled within the launching shaft. Bulk excavation of the remaining area for the construction of the TKW Station is in progress.

Under the close supervision of the Antiquities and Monuments Office (AMO), Well J2 and the associated water channel within the footprint of the TKW Station have been dismantled by hand after proper recording. The components of the well and the water channel are now under the custody of the archaeological expert team, appointed by the contractor of the SCL, to carry out a detailed study for the preparation of the archaeological report for submission to the AMO.

- (2) The Antiquities Authority (the Secretary for Development) announced on 8 December 2014 his decision on the conservation of the remnants discovered at the TKW Station, with most of them preserved in-situ. The stone structures found at the

southern corner of Adit C will be retained in-situ at the moment. The stone structures and the other archaeological remnants to be preserved in-situ are located in the area earmarked as the future Sung Wong Toi Park. The Government will explore the feasibility of providing appropriate facilities inside the park for displaying the stone structures and the other archaeological remnants in a holistic way.

- (3) The archaeological remnants to be preserved in-situ will be protected by backfilling of protective materials. As at the end of March 2015, under the close supervision of the AMO, the protective works for more than half of the remnants to be preserved in-situ are completed. The remaining protection works are being carried out for completion by May 2015.

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