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Question:

Regarding the relics of the Song Dynasty discovered along the MTR Shatin to Central Link (SCL), will the MTR Corporation Limited (MTRCL) revise the project design of SCL in light of the relics? If yes, what is the related increase in expenses?

Asked by: Hon KWOK Ka-ki (Member Question No. 175)

Reply:

The Antiquities Authority (the Secretary for Development) announced on 8 December 2014 his decision on the conservation of the remnants discovered at the To Kwa Wan (TKW) Station, with most of them preserved in-situ. The MTRCL is revising the design of the TKW Station and the construction sequence according to the decision. The 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 archaeological remnants in a holistic way. The MTRCL is also revising the design of the station to allow flexibility for displaying part of the unearthed relics in the concourse of the TKW Station in future.

The MTRCL estimated that there would be a minimum delay of 11 months and an additional cost of at least \$4.1 billion for the Tai Wai to Hung Hom section of the SCL, arising from the archaeological and conservation works at the TKW Station. The MTRCL is conducting a cost review for the entire SCL project for submission to the Highways Department for scrutiny.

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