

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****THB(T)034****(Question Serial No. 0101)**Head: (60) Highways DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not SpecifiedProgramme: (3) Railway DevelopmentControlling Officer: Director of Highways (K K LAU)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Transport and HousingQuestion:

Regarding “studies and other tasks carried out by consultants” in the Railway Development Programme, it is estimated that two projects are to be conducted in 2016 with an expenditure of \$390 million, i.e. nearly \$200 million for each study on average.

- (a) What are the details of the two studies? Please provide a detailed breakdown of the expenditures for each study; and
- (b) What are the timetables for the two studies?

Asked by: Hon IP Kwok-him (Member Question No. 52)Reply:

The titles, anticipated total expenditure and anticipated dates of completion of the consultancy studies under the Programme are shown in the table below –

Title of Study	Anticipated Total Expenditure (\$ million)	Anticipated Completion Date
Shatin to Central Link – Monitoring and verification for construction, testing and commissioning phase (M&V consultancy)	190.9	2021
Hong Kong section of Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link (XRL) – M&V consultancy	199.2	2019*

\* The main task for the M&V consultant after commissioning of the XRL is to review the submissions and claims assessment reports made by the MTR Corporation Limited's internal Project Control Group (which focuses on cost controls, consultancies and other contract procurements, reviews of proposals, strategic issues and project risks) in relation to preparing the final account.

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