

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Head: (60) Highways Department

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Programme: (1) Capital Projects

Controlling Officer: Director of Highways (K K LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for the Environment

Question:

In the coming year, the retrofitting of noise barriers on Tuen Mun Road Fu Tei Section will commence. What is the relevant estimated expenditure? And what is the anticipated date of completion?

Asked by: Dr Hon LAU Wong-fat (Member Question No. 7)

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 estimated construction cost for the retrofitting of noise barriers on Tuen Mun Road (Fu Tei Section) is \$786.2 million in money-of-the-day prices. In 2016-17, the estimated expenditure for this project is \$60 million. Subject to funding approval of the Finance Committee, the works are scheduled to commence in the second quarter of 2016 for completion in the fourth quarter of 2019.

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