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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 Transport and Housing

Question:

In 2016-17, the Highways Department will continue to take forward the construction of the Tuen Mun-Chek Lap Kok Link (TM-CLKL). What is the estimated expenditure involved? What is the schedule for progress?

Asked by: Hon Michael TIEN Puk-sun (Member Question No. 45)

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 does 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. Nonetheless, the information sought is provided below:

The estimated expenditure for the TM-CLKL project in 2016-17 is about \$7,173.4 million.

The TM-CLKL involves the Southern Connection and the Northern Connection. The completion date of the Southern Connection will tie in with that of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge Main Bridge whilst the Northern Connection is targeted for completion in 2018.

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