

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Head: (60) Highways Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (1) Capital Projects
Controlling Officer: Director of Highways (K K LAU)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for the Environment

Question:

In 2016-17, the Highways Department will continue to take forward the retrofitting of noise barriers on Tuen Mun Road Town Centre Section. What is the estimated expenditure involved? What is the schedule for progress?

Asked by: Hon Michael TIEN Puk-sun (Member Question No. 46)

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.

In 2016-17, the estimated expenditure for the retrofitting of noise barriers on Tuen Mun Road (Town Centre Section) is about \$89 million in money-of-the-day prices. The works have commenced in the fourth quarter of 2015 and are scheduled for completion in the second quarter of 2019.

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