

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 Transport and Housing

Question:

The Highways Department plans to seek funding approval for an elevated walkway and a footbridge at Tseung Kwan O and Tsuen Wan respectively, with a view to commencing construction progressively in the fourth quarter of 2016. Will the Government provide details of the proposed project in Tseung Kwan O (including the location and date of completion) and the estimated allocation?

Asked by: Hon James TIEN Pei-chun (Member Question No. 3)

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 proposed project at Tseung Kwan O involves the construction of an elevated walkway of approximate 180 metres in length and approximate five metres in clear width, with a lift at Tong Tak Street, to connect the existing footbridge across Tong Ming Street, forming an uninterrupted elevated walkway between Sheung Tak Estate and the Tseung Kwan O MTR Station and the public transport interchange. Subject to funding approval by the Finance Committee within the 2015-16 legislative session, construction will commence in the fourth quarter of 2016 for completion in mid-2019. The estimated cost of the project is about \$221.6 million (in money-of-the-day prices).

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