

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:

Will the Highways Department (HyD) provide the latest progress, including the schedule of works and estimated expenses, of the following highway projects:

- (a) dualling of Hiram's Highway between Clear Water Bay Road and Marina Cove; and
- (b) improvement to local access to Ho Chung.

Asked by: Hon James TIEN Pei-chun (Member Question No. 4)

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 HyD plans to commence construction works of the "Dualling of Hiram's Highway between Clear Water Bay Road and Marina Cove and improvement to local access to Ho Chung" project at the end of March 2016 for completion by the end of 2020. The estimated cost of the project is \$1,774.4 million in money-of-the-day prices.

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