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Question:

What are the works progress, expenditure and manpower involved, and the dates of completion regarding the investigation and preliminary design (I&PD) for the Tuen Mun Western Bypass (TMWB)? In 2016-17, will the Highways Department (HyD) conduct joint public consultation with other departments for the construction of the TMWB? What are the respective expenditure and manpower involved, and the anticipated dates of completion?

Asked by: Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki (Member Question No. 228)

Reply:

The total expenditure for the I&PD of the TMWB under the Public Works Programme Item 6828TH was \$28.1 million.

The HyD briefed the Tuen Mun District Council (TMDC) in March 2015 on the proposed tunnel scheme of the TMWB which connects Tuen Mun Area 40 and Tsing Tin Road. The HyD is further reviewing the TMWB project taking into account the views from the TMDC and other stakeholders, and will further report to the TMDC. If the support from the local community and the TMDC could be obtained, we will proceed with the associated tasks, including the funding application to the Legislative Council in phases for carrying out ground investigation, traffic impact assessment, environmental impact assessment, detailed engineering design and construction works, etc. The implementation programme and estimated cost of the TMWB project will be ascertained during the above process.

The HyD deploys existing staff resources to oversee the project.

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