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Question:

How effective are the bus-bus interchanges (BBIs) on Tuen Mun Road since their commissioning? What are the expenditure and manpower involved in the BBIs on Tuen Mun Road in 2016-17? Does the Government have any plan to construct BBIs on other roads, and what are the details and expenditure involved?

Asked by: Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki (Member Question No. 230)

Reply:

The BBIs on Tuen Mun Road were fully commissioned in July 2013. They currently serve 28 regular franchised bus routes. On average, about 34 000 passengers make use of the BBIs daily, with about 20 000 passengers using the Tuen Mun bound BBI and about 14 000 passengers using the Kowloon bound BBI. The BBIs are operating smoothly and are well-received by the users.

In 2016-17, the estimated expenditure (mainly for the settlement of project accounts and for carrying out outstanding works related to the construction of the permanent toilets) for the Tuen Mun Road BBIs project is about \$13 million. Design and supervision of the works are carried out by consultants engaged by the Highways Department (HyD). The HyD deploys existing staff resources to oversee the implementation of the project.

The Transport Department (TD) and franchised bus companies will continue to closely monitor the operation of the Tuen Mun Road BBIs and passenger demand for the BBI services. The TD will continue to explore with bus companies on the provision of enhanced interchange facilities at other suitable locations.

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