

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Head: (60) Highways Department

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Controlling Officer: Director of Highways (K K LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Transport and Housing

Question:

Please provide details of the investigation for the widening of Castle Peak Road - Castle Peak Bay. What is the anticipated commencement date of the construction works? Over the past five years, did the Government carry out public consultations in the areas affected? What were the details and expenditure involved? In 2016-17, will the Government continue to carry out public consultations in the areas affected? What are the details and estimated expenditure?

Asked by: Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki (Member Question No. 231)

Reply:

The Highways Department (HyD) carried out an investigation study for the "Widening of Castle Peak Road – Castle Peak Bay" project from June 2012 to June 2014 to look into the engineering feasibility of the proposed road widening works. The HyD is carrying out detailed design for the project. The Chief Executive-in-Council has authorised the widening works with a modification. The notice was gazetted on 3 July 2015. The project is currently under judicial review proceedings. The programme of the project is under review.

The HyD conducted public consultations at the investigation stage from February to December 2013, and at the detailed design stage from January 2014 to August 2015. Various stakeholders including the Tuen Mun District Council (TMDC) and residents of the estates along the road section were consulted. Subject to the outcome of the judicial review, the HyD will further proceed with the project, and continue to consult the TMDC and other stakeholders as necessary by deploying existing staff resources.

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