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Question:

Following the publication of the Railway Development Strategy 2014 (RDS-2014) by the Government, please provide the implementation timetable, details, expenditure and manpower involved regarding the Strategy.

Asked by: Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki (Member Question No. 237)

Reply:

Having regard to the indicative implementation window recommended in the RDS-2014, the Government has invited the MTR Corporation Limited to submit proposals for the implementation of the first batch of railway projects viz the Northern Link and Kwu Tung Station, the East Kowloon Line and the Tuen Mun South Extension. In line with established procedures, prior to the finalisation of any new railway schemes, we will consult the public on the detailed alignment, locations of stations, mode of implementation, cost estimate, mode of financing and actual implementation timetable, when the relevant details are available.

Regarding the other four railway schemes viz the Hung Shui Kiu Station, the Tung Chung West Extension, the South Island Line (West) and the North Island Line, the current plan is to pursue these schemes having regard to the indicative implementation windows recommended in the RDS-2014. The taking forward of individual railway projects is subject to the outcome of detailed engineering, environmental and financial studies relating to each project, as well as updated assessment of passenger transport demand and availability of resources at the time.

The Highways Department deploys in-house resources to carry out the above tasks.

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