

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**THB(T)237****(Question Serial No. 6318)**Head: (60) Highways DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not SpecifiedProgramme: (3) Railway DevelopmentControlling Officer: Director of Highways (K K LAU)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Transport and HousingQuestion:

What are the construction progress and respective completion dates of the Hong Kong section of the Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link (XRL), the South Island Line (East) [SIL(E)], the Kwun Tong Line Extension (KTE) and the Shatin to Central Link (SCL) projects? What are the updated cost estimates for these projects?

Asked by: Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki (Member Question No. 238)Reply:

According to the MTR Corporation Limited (MTRCL), the progress of construction works, the target commissioning dates and the updated cost estimates of the railway projects as at the end of 2015 are tabulated below –

Projects	Actual Progress of Construction Works* (% completed)	Target Commissioning Date	Updated Cost Estimate (\$ billion) (in money-of-the-day prices)
XRL	76	Third quarter of 2018, including a six-month contingency period	86.4
SIL(E)	93	End 2016	16.9**
KTE	91	Third or fourth quarter of 2016	7.2**
SCL	48	Tai Wai to Hung Hom section: 2019	79.8 (under review)
		Hung Hom to Admiralty section: 2021	

- Notes: * The progress of the railway projects is expressed in terms of percentage of work done.
- ** As the SIL(E) and the KTE are ownership projects, the MTRCL will bear the additional costs arising from the delay and variations of the railway works.

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