

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Head: (706) Capital Works Reserve Fund - Highways

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (-) Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Highways (K K LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Transport and Housing

Question:

Regarding Subhead 6064TR – “Shatin to Central Link (SCL) – construction of non-railway works – advance works”, please provide information on:

- (a) What are the purposes for which the 2016-17 expenditure is to be used?
- (b) What is the works progress? Can the entire project be completed according to the anticipated date of completion as indicated in the Approved Estimate?

Asked by: Hon Gary FAN Kwok-wai (Member Question No. 54)

Reply:

According to Rule 49 of the Finance Committee Procedures, special meetings of the Finance Committee are convened to examine the annual Estimates of Expenditure prepared by the Government in support of the Appropriation Bill. Expenditure charged to the Capital Works Reserve Fund does not form part of the Appropriation Bill. As such, questions relating to expenditure under the Fund are not relevant to the examination of the Estimates of Expenditure or the Appropriation Bill. Nonetheless, the information sought is provided below:

- (a) The scope of the works under Subhead 6064TR “SCL – construction of non-railway works – advance works” comprises (a) reprovisioning of the International Mail Centre (IMC) at Hung Hom; and (b) reprovisioning works at the Harcourt Garden and the Hong Kong Park, for the construction of the SCL.

The anticipated expenditure in 2016-17 under Subhead 6064TR is for the execution of the reprovisioning works at the Harcourt Garden and the Hong Kong Park.

- (b) The reprovisioning of the IMC was completed in June 2014 as originally scheduled. The reprovisioning works at the Harcourt Garden and the Hong Kong Park are being

carried out in conjunction with the works at the Admiralty Station under the South Island Line (East) [SIL(E)] project with a target completion date of end-2016. The completion date of the reprovisioning of the Harcourt Garden and the Hong Kong Park will be deferred to end-2016 (from end-2015) due to the delay of the SIL(E) project.

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