

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Head: (60) Highways Department

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Programme: (1) Capital Projects

Controlling Officer: Director of Highways (K K LAU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Transport and Housing

Question:

In Programme (1), it was stated that in 2015-16, the Highways Department (HyD) commenced works including the “construction of the Hong Kong Boundary Crossing Facilities (HKBCF) and the Hong Kong Link Road (HKLR) for the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge (HZMB)”, and monitored “the progress of the works of the HZMB Main Bridge in the Mainland waters”. Regarding the HZMB project, please set out the details, quantity, cause and latest progress for the parts that require reconstruction due to failure to meet the expected standard, as well as the reconstruction costs involved and the related government expenses.

Asked by: Hon Alan LEONG Kah-kit (Member Question No. 7)

Reply:

The supervision of the construction of the HZMB HKBCF and HKLR is carried out by consultants engaged by the HyD. Assisted by its consultant engineers as well as resident site staff, the HyD oversees the performance of the contractors during the construction of the works to ensure compliance with the specified standards and other contractual requirements.

For works found not complying with the standards, the contractors will be required to carry out remedial works at their own costs. The remedial works proposed by the contractors are implemented according to the contractual requirements upon approval by the consultant engineers engaged by the HyD.

According to the agreement of the three governments, the HZMB Authority jointly set up by the three governments is responsible for the construction, operation, management and maintenance of the HZMB Main Bridge. The HZMB Authority oversees the performance of the contractors during the construction of the works to ensure compliance with the specified standards and other contractual requirements. For works found not complying

with the standards, the HZMB Authority will deal with the contractors in accordance with the terms of the contract at the contractors' own costs. The HZMB Authority has to report the progress of the works to the three governments from time to time. The three governments meet regularly and conduct site visits from time to time to monitor the progress of the HZMB Main Bridge.

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