

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**THB(T)040****(Question Serial No. 1031)**Head: (60) Highways DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not SpecifiedProgramme: (1) Capital ProjectsControlling Officer: Director of Highways (Daniel K W CHUNG)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Transport and HousingQuestion:

Please set out all the claims made by the contractors of the Hong Kong Link Road (HKLR) and the Hong Kong Boundary Crossing Facilities (HKBCF) projects for the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge (HZMB).

Name of Contractor	Date of Claim Made	Amount Claimed

Asked by: Hon LAW Kwun-chung, Nathan (Member Question No. 9)Reply:

The contractors of the HKLR and HKBCF projects are obliged to complete the works within the designated time and amount as stipulated in the contracts. In the event of unexpected circumstances, the contractors may submit claims according to the relevant terms provided for in the contracts and are required to provide sufficient justifications and information as reasonable grounds for the claims. These cases of claims will be prudently and independently assessed by a consultant engineer engaged by the Highways Department (HyD) before they are being referred to the latter for approval. Before granting approval to the claims concerned, the HyD will conduct a detailed review of the assessments made by the consultant engineer on the claims submitted by contractors in an objective and reasonable manner to ensure that each claim approved has sufficient grounds and is in accordance with the terms of the contracts. In case the contractors dispute the results of the review on the claims, justifications should be provided for further review to be allowed.

As at February 2017, the claim amounts received in respect of the HKBCF and HKLR projects are about \$3,400 million and about \$2,500 million respectively. According to the relevant terms of the contracts, the Government cannot divulge the information concerning any individual claims of the contractors without their consent.

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