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Head: (60) Highways Department

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Controlling Officer: Director of Highways (Daniel K W CHUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Transport and Housing

Question:

(1) What is the progress of the Pound Lane escalator project? Please provide the breakdown of the expenses on this project until now.

(2) Does the Department plan to launch a public consultation exercise in respect of the enhanced scheme? If yes, what are the detailed work plan and estimated expenses? If no, what are the reasons?

(3) According to the estimation of the Government, when can a formal decision be made on whether to implement the above project, and to submit the project cost, estimated future maintenance and repair cost and schedule of works; and a decision on whether to submit an application to the Legislative Council Finance Committee for the allocation required in respect of the project cost?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Tanya (Member Question No. 27)

Reply:

(1)   In respect of the Pound Lane escalator project, the Highways Department (HyD) has engaged a works consultant for the investigation and preliminary design. As at February 2017, the total expenditure of the project is about $1.85 million.

(2)   The HyD launched a public consultation exercise for the preliminary design scheme in 2013. After analysing the public views, the HyD developed a preliminary refined scheme to address the public concerns. In 2015, the Central and Western District Council (C&WDC) was consulted and a public forum was held. Currently the HyD and the works consultant are collating and analysing the comments received with a view to briefing the C&WDC on the project progress and listening to their views in the second quarter of 2017.

(3)   Before deciding on the next step forward, the Government will consider all the relevant views and listen to further comments from the C&WDC.

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