

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****THB(T)030****(Question Serial No. 2945)**Head: (60) Highways DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not SpecifiedProgramme: (3) Railway DevelopmentControlling Officer: Director of Highways (Daniel K W CHUNG)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Transport and HousingQuestion:

The Railway Development Strategy 2014 (RDS-2014) announced by the Government in September 2014 provides a framework for planning the development of Hong Kong's railway network. It is recommended in the RDS-2014 that seven new railway projects, including the Northern Link and Kwu Tung Station, the Tuen Mun South Extension, the East Kowloon Line, the Tung Chung West Extension, Hung Shui Kiu Station, the South Island Line (West) and the North Island Line, be implemented in or before 2026. Will the Government inform this Committee of the current progress and the anticipated completion dates (if any) of the seven new railway projects in table form?

Asked by: Hon LAM Cheuk-ting (Member Question No. (LegCo use): 33)Reply:

The progress of the seven railway projects recommended in the RDS-2014 is tabulated below –

<b>Railway Project</b>	<b>Invitation to MTRCL to Submit Proposal</b>	<b>MTRCL's Submission of Proposal</b>	<b>Progress</b>
Tuen Mun South Extension	Invited	Submitted in end-December 2016	The Transport and Housing Bureau (THB), the Highways Department (HyD) and relevant bureaux/departments are evaluating the proposals and have requested the MTR Corporation Limited (MTRCL) to provide additional information and supplement details.
Northern Link (and Kwu Tung Station)	Invited	Submitted in end-March 2017	
East Kowloon Line	Invited	Submitted in end-July 2017	

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			We aim to consult the public on the detailed alignment, locations of stations, mode of implementation, cost estimate, mode of financing and actual implementation timetable of the Tuen Mun South Extension and the Northern Link (and Kwu Tung Station) within 2018.
Tung Chung West Extension (and Tung Chung East Station)	Invited	Submitted in end-January 2018	The THB, the HyD and relevant bureaux/departments are evaluating the proposal.
North Island Line	Invited	To follow	The MTRCL is carrying out preparatory work for the proposal.
Hung Shui Kiu Station	To follow	-	The THB intends to issue invitations to the MTRCL within this year to submit proposals for the projects.
South Island Line (West)	To follow	-	

The taking forward of individual railway schemes is subject to the outcome of the detailed engineering, environmental and financial studies relating to each scheme, as well as the updated assessment of passenger transport demand and availability of resources at the time.

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