

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**THB(T)257****(Question Serial No. 4264)**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:

To continue to oversee the works of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge (HZMB) is one of the tasks for the Bureau this year. So far, there are a number of claims arising from the various items of works for the HZMB. Please provide the following information in table form:

Scope of works	Contract number	Total contract sum	Contractor	Number of claims	Amount claimed	Amount awarded

Asked by: Hon KWOK Ka-ki (Member Question No. (LegCo use): 185)Reply:

It is the responsibility of the contractors of the HZMB Hong Kong Boundary Crossing Facilities (HKBCF), the Hong Kong Link Road (HKLR) and the Tuen Mun-Chek Lap Kok Link (TM-CLKL) projects to complete the works within the specified time and cost as required in the contracts. In the event of unforeseen circumstances, the contractors may submit claims according to the terms of the contracts, and substantiate the claims with sufficient justifications and information. The consultant engineers appointed by the Highways Department (HyD) will carefully and independently assess the claims and then submit them to the HyD for approval. The HyD will conduct detailed reviews of the assessments made by the consultant engineers on the claims to ensure that the claims are being handled strictly in accordance with the terms of the contracts.

As at end February 2018, in relation to the HKBCF, HKLR and TM-CLKL projects, information related to the claims submitted by the contractors is as follows:-

Project	Number of claims with claimed amount specified	Amount claimed	Amount assessed	Amount awarded
HKBCF	41	\$5.6 billion	\$3.69 billion	\$0.01 billion
HKLR	27	\$3.3 billion	\$1.99 billion	\$0.3 billion
TM-CLKL	82	\$3.6 billion	\$0.76 billion	\$0.59 billion

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