

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**THB(T)260****(Question Serial No. 4271)**

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Question:

The works for the Hong Kong Section of the Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link (XRL) will be completed within this year. In this connection, please advise this Committee on the following:

What are the total expenditure on the XRL project and the progress of each works item?

So far, there are a number of claims arising from the various items of construction works for the Hong Kong Section of the XRL. 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): 192)

Reply

- As at end February 2018, the total expenditure of Hong Kong Section of the XRL project under the two public works project items (i.e. 6053TR and 6057TR) is \$78.029 billion. According to the information provided by the MTR Corporation Limited (MTRCL), the overall progress of the XRL project was 98.6% as at 31 December 2017.
- According to the information provided by the MTRCL, as at 31 December 2017, the MTRCL received 1 090 substantiated claims from contractors in relation to the works for the XRL. The amount claimed in total was approximately \$29.6 billion, representing 64.8% of the awarded contract sum for the contracts. As at the same date, 294 cases were resolved and about \$9.336 billion was awarded, representing about 20.4% of the awarded contract sum for the contracts. Having regard to the need of individual works and the progress of the relevant assessment and discussion, interim awards amounting to about \$4.479 billion have been made for some unresolved cases. The relevant details are tabulated below:

Scope of works	Awarded contract sum (\$ billion)	Claims resolved			Claims unresolved		
		No. of cases	Amount claimed (\$ billion)	Amount awarded (\$ billion)	No. of cases	Amount claimed (\$ billion)	Interim amount awarded (\$ billion)
Railway Tunnels	22.550	158	4.806	2.465	424	7.667	2.244
Station	14.742	129	10.066	6.285	279	1.675	0.744
Electrical and Mechanical Works	8.429	7	0.841	0.586	93	4.594	1.491
Total	45.721	294	15.713	9.336	796	13.936	4.479

According to the relevant terms of the works contracts, the Government cannot divulge information on individual claims without the consent of the contractors.

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