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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Transport and Housing

Question:

The Highways Department (HyD) states in the Estimates that the Government will proceed with the planning for the East Kowloon Line (EKL) in 2018-19. In this connection, will the Government inform this Committee of the following:

- (1) What is the timetable for the development of the EKL? When will the planning work be completed as planned? As anticipated, when will public consultation and feasibility study be conducted, and when will the works be commenced and completed?
- (2) It is noted that the MTR Corporation Limited (MTRCL) has already submitted its proposal on the EKL project. What are the details of the current proposed scheme for the EKL? What are the detailed alignment, locations of stations and cost estimate as anticipated?

Asked by: Hon TAM Man-ho, Jeremy (Member Question No. (LegCo use): 416)

Reply:

The MTRCL submitted a proposal for the EKL to the Government in end-July 2017. The Transport and Housing Bureau, the HyD and relevant bureaux/departments are evaluating the proposal and have requested the MTRCL to provide additional information and supplement details. In carrying out the evaluation, our main focus is to ensure that the proposal is practically feasible and can bring maximum benefits to the community.

In line with established procedures, prior to the finalisation of any new railway schemes, the Government will consult the public on the detailed alignment, locations of stations, mode of implementation, cost estimate, mode of financing and actual implementation timetable.

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