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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Transport and Housing

Question:

The Department states that it will commence the investigation for additional noise enclosures at Gascoigne Road Flyover. In this regard, please advise on the following:

- (a) What are the estimated costs for individual items of the project? When will the works commence? What are the details of the project?
- (b) Will district consultation exercise be conducted in the future? What are the relevant estimated costs and plans?

Asked by: Hon MO Claudia (Member Question No. (LegCo use): 104)

Reply:

According to the Environmental Impact Assessment completed and approved under the Environmental Impact Assessment Ordinance, the Central Kowloon Route (CKR) project will provide, inter alia, a semi-enclosure along the Gascoigne Road Flyover fronting Blocks 1 and 5 of Prosperous Garden (PG) and a full enclosure fronting Blocks 2 and 3 of PG. In the course of funding application for the construction of CKR, to respond to concerns of Legislative Council (LegCo) Members, the Government proposed to implement a Compromise Scheme extending the two noise enclosures originally proposed under the CKR project. The Compromise Scheme comprises two additional noise enclosures, namely: (i) by converting the 100m long noise enclosure which originally covers only the eastbound traffic lane to cover both bounds in whole, while having vertical opening on the side fronting Yan Cheung Road farther away from the PG; and (ii) by extending the full enclosure originally fronting Blocks 2 and 3 of the PG northward by 40m.

Upon the approval of the funding for "CKR - Main Works" in October 2017, the Highways Department (HyD) has followed up on the Compromise Scheme and appointed a consultant in February 2018 to start the Investigation Study for the two additional noise enclosures. The HyD plans to consult relevant stakeholders in the second half of 2018. Subject to the views of stakeholders, availability of resources, confirmation of feasibility, completion of statutory procedures and approval of funding by LegCo, etc., the HyD will firm up the

scheme and formulate the implementation schedule following the established public works project procedures for early commencement of the construction works. The estimated construction cost for the project can only be ascertained upon completion of the detailed design.

Work relating to stakeholder consultation will continue to be absorbed by existing manpower resources of the HyD, with technical support to be provided by the consultant where necessary.

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