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Question:

Below is a follow-up question on Reply Serial No. THB(T)025:

For part (4) of the question, please provide information on the maintenance expenditure for the Main Bridge of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge (HZMB).

Asked by: Hon CHU Hoi-dick

Reply:

The entire HZMB project consists of two parts: (i) the HZMB Main Bridge (i.e. a 22.9 kilometre (km)-long bridge and a 6.7 km-long subsea tunnel) situated in Mainland waters which is being taken forward by the HZMB Authority; and (ii) the link roads and boundary crossing facilities under the respective responsibility of the three governments.

Since the HZMB Main Bridge is situated in Mainland waters, its construction works and daily management will be implemented in accordance with the Mainland laws and regulations. According to the agreement of the three governments, the HZMB Authority, as a non-profit-making public institution legal person, is responsible for the construction, operation, management and maintenance of the Main Bridge. Therefore, the maintenance cost of the HZMB Main Bridge will be borne by the HZMB Authority. According to the HZMB Authority, the estimated annual maintenance cost is about RMB0.21 billion.

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