

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Head: (60) Highways Department
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Question:

The Highways Department (HyD) will commence the feasibility study on Route 11 (between North Lantau and Yuen Long). Please inform this Committee of the following:

- (1) the progress of work plan, the staff establishment and estimated expenditure involved in the past three years;
- (2) the work plan and implementation timetable, the staff establishment and estimated expenditure involved for the coming three years;
- (3) the anticipated design capacity and peak-hour utilisation rate of Route 11.

Asked by: Hon LAU Ip-keung, Kenneth (LegCo internal reference no.: 35)

Reply:

- (1) With the funding approval of the Legislative Council (LegCo) Finance Committee in April 2018, the Feasibility Study on Route 11 commenced in May 2018 and is expected to be completed by 2020. The Study, which is ongoing, aims to study into the alignment options of Route 11, establish the technical feasibility and formulate the works implementation strategy. The HyD has been deploying existing staff resources to oversee the Feasibility Study.
- (2) Subject to the findings of the Feasibility Study, we will proceed to seek funding support from the LegCo for us to engage consultants for carrying out investigation and design of Route 11. The implementation timetable, manpower resources required and related expenditure will be drawn up in the Feasibility Study.
- (3) As the Feasibility Study is ongoing, the design capacity and utilisation rate of Route 11 are still under assessment.

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