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Question:

Regarding the Shatin to Central Link (SCL), will the Administration consider partial commissioning of stations from Diamond Hill to Ho Man Tin after ensuring the structures of all SCL stations met the safety specifications and where technically feasible? If so, what is the timetable? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon QUAT Elizabeth (LegCo internal reference no.: 207)

Reply:

The Tai Wai to Hung Hom Section of the SCL was scheduled to be commissioned in mid-2019. However, due to the concerns of the quality of works of Hung Hom Station and other stations, the target commissioning date will need to be reviewed.

As regards requests for partial commissioning of the Tai Wai to Hung Hom Section, we have asked MTR Corporation Limited (MTRCL) to study different options with a view to commissioning as many stations and sections as possible, if partial commissioning is found necessary. The Government and MTRCL will make a more comprehensive assessment in the light of the findings of the Holistic Assessment Strategy, taking into account the technical feasibility of opening part of the railway section, the capacity of the railway system, the modification to the signalling system, the compatibility of the road transport, etc. In the meantime, MTRCL is undertaking the necessary preparatory groundwork to preserve and protect all practicable options.

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