

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Question:

Regarding the expenditures of the Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link (XRL) project, please advise this Committee of the following -

- (1) Details on the claims of all awarded contracts as at March 2019, including (i) contract title; (ii) amount of claims made as at March 2019; (iii) amount of claims awarded as at March 2019; (iv) amount of claims rejected as at March 2019; (v) amount of claims outstanding.
- (2) List out, by contract, the number and amount of claims made relating to Extension of Time and Variation Order.
- (3) List out, by total amount of claims, the 15 contracts with the highest amount of claims and their respective amount.

Asked by: Hon WU Chi-wai (LegCo internal reference no.: 46)

Reply:

According to the information provided by the MTR Corporation Limited (MTRCL), as at end January 2019, the MTRCL received 1 130 substantiated claims from contractors in relation to the works for the Hong Kong Section of XRL project. The amount claimed in total (including those induced due to variation orders and extension of time, among others) was approximately \$29.061 billion. The relevant details are tabulated below:

Scope of works	Awarded contract sum (\$ billion)	Claims resolved			Claims unresolved		
		Number	Amount claimed (\$ billion)	Amount awarded (\$ billion)	Number	Amount claimed (\$ billion)	Interim amount awarded (\$ billion)
Railway Tunnels	22.572	174	4.670	2.828	415	6.600	2.173
Station	14.761	129	10.066	6.285	289	2.095	0.742
Electrical and Mechanical Works	8.454	24	1.153	0.759	99	4.477	1.895
Total	45.787	327	15.889	9.872	803	13.172	4.810

According to the relevant terms of the works contracts, the Government cannot divulge information on individual claims without the consent of the contractors.

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