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| Head: | (60) Highways Department |
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| Subhead (No. & title): | (-) Not Specified |
| Programme: | (3) Railway Development |
| Controlling Officer: | Director of Highways (Jimmy P M CHAN) |
| Director of Bureau: | Secretary for Transport and Housing |

Question:

Will the Administration inform this Committee of the following -

- (1) What are the respective estimated expenditures on the salaries of the Director of Highways and Principal Government Engineer of the Railway Development Office (RDO) of the Highways Department (HyD) in 2019-20?
- (2) What were the numbers of site inspections conducted by RDO's officers of the HyD in respect of the Shatin to Central Link (SCL) project in 2016-17 and 2017-18 respectively?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Chi-chuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 34)

<u>Reply</u>:

(1) The pay scale of the two posts as of March 2019 is as follows –

| Rank | Salary range per month |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Director of Highways | \$253,150 - \$260,600 |
| | (Directorate Pay Scale Point D6) |
| Principal Government Engineer/ | \$199,050 - \$217,300 |
| Railway Development | (Directorate Pay Scale Point D3) |

(2) In respect of the SCL project, the numbers of regular site visits paid by the HyD and its Monitoring and Verification Consultants in 2016-17 and 2017-18 were 81 and 75 respectively. In addition to regular site visits, HyD also conducted ad hoc site visits as necessary though there is no formal record on the number of such site visits.