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Question:

Regarding the Tuen Mun – Chek Lap Kok Link (TM-CLKL) Northern Connection project that has commenced, in which phase has the project entered? Has the progress of the project been slowed down due to the novel pneumonia outbreak? If so, what are the details? Will the completion date be delayed and thus involve additional expenditures? If so, what are the details?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Han-pan (LegCo internal reference no.: 32)

Reply:

The construction of TM-CLKL Northern Connection has reached an advanced stage, with the structures of the sub-sea tunnel and ancillary buildings substantially completed. Installation of the electrical and mechanical systems inside the tunnel as well as the fitting-out and building services works inside the ancillary buildings are underway.

TM-CLKL Northern Connection is planned to be completed in end 2020 at the earliest and it is expected that the project will be completed within the Approved Project Estimate. However, due to unforeseen events including the Novel Coronavirus epidemic in recent months, the supply chain of construction materials and installations from the Mainland has been affected and the workforce for site works has been reduced. The Highways Department will closely monitor the progress of works and assess the impact on the commissioning target.

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