

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Head: (60) Highways Department
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Director of Bureau: Secretary for Transport and Housing

Question:

The Department stated that it will continue with the investigation and detailed design for hillside escalator links and elevator systems (HEL) projects. Please advise this Committee of the amount of resources required to be deployed; the number of projects to be carried out; the geographical distribution of the relevant projects; and the project costs involved.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Han-pan (LegCo internal reference no.: 36)

Reply:

Among the 18 HEL projects being taken forward by the Government, five are completed and open for public use, three are under construction and the remaining ten are at various stages of investigation and design.

The three projects under construction and their cost estimates are as follows:

| District | Project |
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| Kwai Tsing | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Lift and Pedestrian Walkway System between Kwai Shing Circuit and Hing Shing Road (Cost estimate: \$239.4 million) ● Lift and Pedestrian Walkway System between Tai Wo Hau Road and Wo Tong Tsui Street (Cost estimate: \$249.4 million) ● Lift and Pedestrian Walkway System between Castle Peak Road and Kung Yip Street (Cost estimate: \$584.4 million) |

The ten proposals under investigation and design stages are as follows:

| District | Proposal |
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| Central & Western | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Escalator Link and Pedestrian Walkway System at Pound Lane |
| Eastern | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Braemar Hill Pedestrian Link |
| Kwai Tsing | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Lift and Pedestrian Walkway System between Hing Shing Road and Tai Wo Hau Road ● Lift and Pedestrian Walkway System between Lai Cho Road and Wah Yiu Road ● Lift and Pedestrian Walkway System between Lai King Hill Road and Lai Cho Road |
| Kwun Tong | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Lift and Pedestrian Walkway System at Luen On Street |
| Sai Kung | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Escalator Link System between Hong Sing Garden and Po Hong Road |
| Sha Tin | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Lift and Pedestrian Walkway System between Saddle Ridge Garden and Sai Sha Road ● Escalator Link System between Sha Tin Sui Wo Court and MTR Fo Tan Station |
| Wong Tai Sin | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Pedestrian Link near Chuk Yuen North Estate |

As at February 2020, the total expenditure for the design and study of the ten proposals above is about \$25 million. The management of the consultancy studies is undertaken by the existing staff of the Highways Department. There is no separate breakdown of manpower involved.

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