

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**THB(T)247****(Question Serial No. 4978)**

Head: (60) Highways Department

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Director of Bureau: Secretary for Transport and Housing

Question:

In the coming year, the Administration will continue to oversee the Central Kowloon Route (CKR) project. To this end, please advise this Committee: (1) on the total expenditure of the project and the works progress of each item to date; and (2) regarding the claims arising from the construction of various items under the CKR project so far, please provide the following information in table form:

Scope of works	Contract No.	Contract sum	Contractor	No. of claims	Amount claimed	Amount awarded

Asked by: Hon KWOK Ka-ki (LegCo internal reference no.: 801)

Reply:

The works of the CKR project commenced in December 2017 for target commissioning in around 2025. Works in progress include construction of tunnels and connecting roads as well as temporary re-provisioning of public facilities at Yau Ma Tei. There are eight contracts under the project, among which six have already been awarded. Of the other two contracts, while tenders are being invited for the one on buildings, electrical and mechanical works, the remaining one involving landscaping and other miscellaneous works will be tendered in due course to tie in with the progress of the tunnel and road works. The approved project estimate is \$42,363.9 million.

As at end February 2020, four claims in relation to the CKR project have been received. The claims amount to some \$6.74 million and the total amount awarded up to end February 2020 is about \$0.85 million. According to the relevant terms of the works contracts, the Government cannot divulge information of individual claims without the consent of the contractors.

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