

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**THB(T)250****(Question Serial No. 4983)**

Head: (60) Highways Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Capital Projects

Controlling Officer: Director of Highways (Jimmy P M CHAN)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Transport and Housing

Question:

Regarding the Central-Wan Chai Bypass and Island Eastern Corridor Link (CWB) project which was completed last year, will the Administration inform this Committee of the following:

- (1) The final expenditure of the project;
- (2) Regarding the claims arising from the construction of various items under the 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

- (3) Please list in table form the various over-budget items of works, the expenditures under the original approved project estimates, the projected amount of cost overrun and the actual amount of cost overrun under the concerned project.

Asked by: Hon KWOK Ka-ki (LegCo internal reference no.: 806)

Reply:

CWB is a large-scale and complex works project. The project is implemented under 13 major works contracts, among which eight are managed by the Highways Department, while the remaining works have been entrusted to the Civil Engineering and Development Department for implementation under the other five contracts. The 13 contracts also cover works items which are funded under other works projects such as the reclamation works of the Wan Chai Development Phase II project.

While accounts of some contracts of the CWB project have not been finalised, it is expected that the total costs will be within the Approved Project Estimate of \$36,038.90 million.

As at end February 2020, there are 218 claims received under the 13 contracts of the CWB project, amounting to some \$7.7 billion and the total amount awarded is about \$1.8 billion. 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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