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Director of Bureau: Secretary for Transport and Housing

Question:

Regarding the hillside escalator links and elevator systems (HEL) projects mentioned in the Estimates for the new financial year, please advise this Committee on the number of new projects in the territory and whether the project in Cheung Kwai Estate, Cheung Chau is included. What are the costs involved? What are the respective details, schedules and geographical distributions of the new projects?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Han-pan (LegCo internal reference no.: 46)

Reply:

Among the 18 HEL projects being taken forward by the Government, five have been completed and opened for public use; three in Kwai Chung (i.e. between Kwai Shing Circuit and Hing Shing Road, between Tai Wo Hau Road and Wo Tong Tsui Street, and between Castle Peak Road and Kung Yip Street) are under construction for completion progressively from 2021 onwards; and the remaining ten are at various stages of investigation and design. Among these ten projects, construction works for the Braemar Hill Pedestrian Link are targeted to commence in the third quarter of 2021 for completion in phases starting from the third quarter of 2025, subject to funding approval by the Legislative Council.

For the 114 HEL proposals received over the past few years (including the one connecting Ping Chong Road and Cheung Kwai Estate, Cheung Chau), the Transport Department (TD) commenced a consultancy to review and improve the assessment mechanism for HEL proposals. Based on the revised assessment mechanism, the consultant engaged by TD carried out initial screening, shortlisting and prioritisation of the 114 HEL proposals. TD is consulting the relevant District Councils on the assessment results so as to finalise the first batch of projects for implementation.

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