

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Question:

Under Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2021-22, the Highways Department has mentioned about the progress of the Shatin to Central Link (SCL). It is understood that SCL has entered the comprehensive testing stage. Based on the past record, testing would generally take three months to complete before commissioning. In this regard, please advise if it is possible to advance the full commissioning of SCL from the third quarter of 2021 originally scheduled to the second quarter of the year? If so, will the Department require additional resources or manpower? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Han-pan (LegCo internal reference no.: 47)

Reply:

The system tests and trial runs of Tuen Ma Line, including the new “Kai Tak to Hung Hom Section”, are underway and on schedule. The target commissioning of the Tuen Ma Line full line remains as the third quarter of 2021. The Government will urge the MTR Corporation Limited to commission the Tuen Ma Line as soon as possible subject to the assurance of the railway system in safe and sound condition.

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