

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

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Head: (60) Highways Department  
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Question:

The Administration stated that the MTR Corporation Limited (MTRCL) has submitted an initial proposal on the construction of East Kowloon Line (EKL) recommended in the Railway Development Strategy 2014. The Administration has offered comments on the technical difficulties of the proposal and is now waiting for MTRCL to submit a report to the Government after further studies. Please provide a definite timetable for the report submission of MTRCL and the follow-up actions to be taken by the Government after receiving the report.

Asked by: Hon OR Chong-shing, Wilson

Reply:

MTRCL has submitted the proposal for EKL. Given that the railway line will be built in hilly terrains and constrained by the gradient, the works would have considerable technical difficulties. The Government has offered comments on the proposal and asked MTRCL to further improve the design in order to tackle the technicalities of the EKL project. MTRCL is studying potential feasible options for design improvement of the project taking into account the Government's comments. We will consult the public once a feasible option duly substantiated by requisite details is available.

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