

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

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Question:

Comparing with the 2025-26 Budget, the relevant description “to provide technical advice on the planning of the proposed Hong Kong Island West – Hung Shui Kiu Rail Link to support the proposed development of the Kau Yi Chau Artificial Islands” was removed from the “Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2026–27”. Please advise this Committee on the following:

- (1) Did the removal of the item description mean that the implementation schedule of the relevant railway has been largely postponed or suspended?
- (2) What is the current situation of the overall planning and study of the Hong Kong Island West – Hung Shui Kiu Rail Link? Are there any construction schemes in the absence of the Kau Yi Chau Artificial Islands in hand for consideration?
- (3) Did the Bureau re-evaluate how to effectively connect the Northern Metropolis and the core business districts on Hong Kong Island in the absence of the said railway project?

Asked by: Hon LAM Siu-lo, Andrew (LegCo internal reference no.: 30)

Reply:

Under the Hong Kong Major Transport Infrastructure Development Blueprint, the Government presented a series of transport infrastructure projects relating to the proposed Kau Yi Chau Artificial Islands (KYCAI), including the Hong Kong Island West – Hung Shui Kiu Rail Link, in order to connect the Northern Metropolis and the urban area.

As there is currently no concrete timetable for the implementation of the KYCAI reclamation project, the Government will review the arrangements for planning and implementation of the relevant transport infrastructure projects which will involve considering various options in the absence of the KYCAI development, including a detailed study on transport demand, technical feasibility and transport and cost-effectiveness, and will prioritise relevant projects according to urgency and implement them in a timely and orderly manner.

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