

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****TLB018****(Question Serial No. 1102)**Head: (60) Highways DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not SpecifiedProgramme: (3) Railway DevelopmentControlling Officer: Director of Highways (YAU Kwok-ting)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Transport and LogisticsQuestion:

According to the key performance measures under this Programme, the estimated expenditure on studies and other tasks carried out by consultants will be \$876.1 million in 2025, which is considerably higher than the actual expenditure in 2024 by more than 49%. In this connection, will the Government inform this Committee of:

- (a) the details of these studies to be carried out by consultants in 2025; and
- (b) the basis on which the estimation of increase in expenditure for 2025 is made?

Asked by: Hon LOONG Hon-biu, Louis (LegCo internal reference no.: 23)Reply:

- (a) The details of the studies to be carried out by consultants under the Programme of Railway Development in 2025 are as follows:

	<b>Studies carried out by consultants</b>
Studies commenced before 2025	1. Shatin to Central Link (SCL) - Monitoring and Verification for Construction, Testing and Commissioning Phase - Investigation
	2. Shatin to Central Link (SCL) Professional Services in connection with the Service Concession for the Operation of the SCL - Investigation
	3. Consultancy Services for Risk Assessment in relation to Project Supervision, Monitoring and Checking for Tuen Mun South Extension, Northern Link Phase 1 Kwu Tung Station and Hung Shui Kiu Station Projects - Investigation
	4. Consultancy Services for Risk Assessment in relation to Project Supervision, Monitoring and Checking for Tung Chung Line Extension, Oyster Bay Station and Airport Railway Extended Overrun Tunnel Projects – Investigation

	<b>Studies carried out by consultants</b>
	5. Smart and Green Mass Transit System in East Kowloon - Investigation and Design
	6. Stage 2 Study of Hong Kong - Shenzhen Western Rail Link (Hung Shui Kiu - Qianhai)
	7. Consultancy study on Independent Checking of the Financial Arrangement of Kwu Tung Station on East Rail Line - Investigation
	8. Consultancy study on Independent Checking of the Financial Arrangement of Hung Shui Kiu Station Project - Investigation
	9. Consultancy study on Independent Checking of the Financial Arrangement of Northern Link Main Line Project - Investigation
Studies to be commenced by 2025	10. Independent Financial Check on Project Estimates of Northern Link Spur Line project - Investigation
	11. Hong Kong Section of Hong Kong - Shenzhen Western Rail Link (Hung Shui Kiu - Qianhai) - Investigation, Design and Construction

- (b) The estimated total contract sum of the studies and other tasks carried out by consultants in 2025 is higher than the actual total contract sum in 2024. It is mainly due to the commencement of two new studies in 2025.

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