

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Head: (60) Highways Department
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Programme: (3) Railway Development
Controlling Officer: Director of Highways (Jimmy P M CHAN)
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Question:

Members of the public have been looking forward to the “crossing-the-hill line” of the East Kowloon Line for many years. The Government announced that a programme would be introduced in this year. Will the Government inform this Committee of the expenditure of consultancy study on this project over the past three years and this year?

Asked by: Hon TANG Ka-piu (LegCo internal reference no.: 26)

Reply:

As adopting heavy rail scheme for the East Kowloon Line is not an effective option due to various technical difficulties and less desirable transport performance, the Government is now exploring an elevated trackless rapid transit system as an alternative. The Highways Department commissioned a consultant to carry out a technical feasibility study for the elevated trackless rapid transit system in July 2022. We plan to complete the technical feasibility study, including the details of the scheme and implementation arrangement, in mid-2023. The actual expenditure for the technical feasibility study in 2022-23 is about \$1.7 million and the estimated expenditure in 2023-24 is about \$1.1 million.

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