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Head: (60) Highways Department

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Programme: (3) Railway Development

Controlling Officer: Director of Highways (YAU Kwok-ting)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Transport and Logistics

Question:

Regarding the implementation of the railway development strategy, please provide the key implementation dates (years and months) of the MTR projects (including Hong Kong Section of Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link (XRL), South Island Line (SIL) (East), Shatin to Central Link (SCL), Kwun Tong Line Extension (KTE), West Island Line (WIL), Kwu Tung Station of the Northern Link (NOL), Tung Chung Line Extension (TUE), Tuen Mun South Extension, Hung Shui Kiu Station, Oyster Bay Station, Pak Shek Kok Station, NOL Main Line, NOL Spur Line, Tseung Kwan O (TKO) Line South Extension, Central Rail Line (CRL), NOL East Extension, the projects of the Northeast New Territories Line) which were completed over the past 10 years, and are under construction and planning, including the dates on which 1) the MTR was invited to submit proposals, 2) the MTR submitted the proposals, 3) the Executive Council and Legislative Council were reported to, 4) the detailed planning and design were commenced, 5) the projects were gazetted under the Railways Ordinance, 6) approval was obtained under the Railways Ordinance, as well as 7) the commencement dates/anticipated commencement dates of the main works and 8) the commissioning dates/target commissioning dates.

Asked by: Hon ZHANG Xinyu, Gary (LegCo internal reference no.: 31)

Reply:

The detailed information on the railway projects mentioned in the question is listed in **Annex**.

Detailed Information of the Railway Projects

Railway projects	(1)	(2)	(3)&(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
	The MTR Corporation Limited (MTRCL) was invited to submit proposals	The MTRCL submitted the proposals	The MTRCL was invited to commence the detailed planning and design (Note)	Gazetted under the Railways Ordinance	Approval was obtained under the Railways Ordinance	Commencement date/anticipated commencement date of the main works	Commissioning date/target commissioning date
West Island Line (WIL)	June 2005	August 2006	October 2007	October 2007 September 2008 (Amendments to scheme) January 2009 (Corrections to scheme)	March 2009	July 2009	December 2014
Kwun Tong Line Extension (KTE)	November 2003	July 2005	March 2008	November 2009 June 2010 (Amendments to scheme) May 2012 (Amendments to scheme)	December 2010 July 2012	May 2011	October 2016

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South Island Line (SIL) (East)	June 2005	June 2007	December 2007	July 2009 June 2010 (Amendments to scheme) May 2012 (Amendments to scheme)	December 2010 July 2012	May 2011	December 2016
Hong Kong Section of Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link (XRL)	November 2004	July 2005	January 2006	November 2008 April 2009 (Amendments and corrections to scheme) September 2014 (Amendments to scheme)	October 2009 December 2014	January 2010	September 2018

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Shatin to Central Link (SCL)	January 2001	July 2005	May 2008	November 2010 July 2011 (Amendments to scheme) November 2011 (Amendments and corrections to scheme) June 2022 (Amendments to scheme)	April 2012 September 2022	June 2012	February 2020 (Tai Wai to Kai Tak) June 2021 (Tai Wai to Hung Hom) May 2022 (Tai Wai to Admiralty)
Tung Chung Line Extension (TUE)	January 2017	January 2018	April 2020	December 2021 June 2022 (Amendments to scheme)	January 2023	May 2023	2029
Tuen Mun South Extension	February 2016	December 2016	May 2020	January 2022	June 2022	October 2023	2030
Oyster Bay Station	November 2017	December 2017	December 2020	June 2021	August 2021	December 2023	2030

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Hung Shui Kiu Station	May 2019	May 2020	May 2021	February 2023	March 2024	December 2024	2030
Kwu Tung Station	February 2016	March 2017	December 2020	April 2022	November 2022	September 2023	2027
Northern Link (NOL) Main Line	February 2016	March 2017	December 2020	October 2023 May 2024 (Amendments and corrections to scheme) August 2024 (Amendment to scheme)	First half of 2025 (anticipated)	Second half of 2025 (anticipated)	2034
NOL Spur Line	February 2021	March 2022	The target is to commence the detailed planning and design of the project in 2025.				

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Pak Shek Kok Station	October 2021	The MTRCL is currently conducting detailed technical assessments on the proposal for the construction of the new Science Park/Pak Shek Kok Station of the East Rail Line and the development of nearby land. The preliminary study revealed that the works of the new station were complicated and the construction costs were high, involving substantial upgrading of the ancillary infrastructure and reprovisioning works of the EdUHK Sports Centre. Besides, the proposed development initially includes public and private housing. Nevertheless, the Government currently tends to develop mainly private housing after review. Therefore, the scale of the overall development plan and ancillary infrastructure has to be adjusted accordingly. Due to the aforesaid latest development, the Government needs more time to conduct studies and discuss with the MTRCL, striving to promulgate the preliminary development proposal in the second or third quarter of 2025. The Government will continue to target to commission the station by 2033.					
Tseung Kwan O (TKO) Line South Extension	December 2024	Preliminarily targeted to complete between 2034 and 2038.					
Central Rail Link (CRL)	Preliminarily targeted to complete in 2039 or beyond.						
NOL Eastern Extension	Preliminarily targeted to complete in 2039 or beyond.						
Northeast New Territories Line	Preliminarily targeted to complete in 2039 or beyond.						

Note: Before inviting the MTRCL to commence the detailed planning and design, the Government has to seek and obtain approval from the Executive Council, and then report to the Legislative Council afterwards.

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