

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Head: 60 – Highways Department

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Programme: (1) Capital Projects

Controlling Officer: Director of Highways

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Transport and Housing

Question:

Regarding various projects under planning mentioned in item 5 of this Programme, please provide the following information:

	(a) Date of commence- ment	(b) Scheduled date of completion	(c) Current progress	(d) Initial estimated expendi- ture	(e) Actual expendi- ture	(f) Discrepan- cies between (d)and (e) and their reasons
Various projects under planning						
Completed the statutory procedures and continued to pursue the design for the widening of Tolo Highway/ Fanling Highway between Island House Interchange and Fanling - Stage 2						
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Commenced the investigation and preliminary design for retrofitting of noise barriers on Tuen Mun Road Town Centre Section						

Asked by: Hon. WONG Sing-chi

Reply:

Figures and information of various projects under Capital Works Reserve Fund of this financial year which involved planning:

Various projects under planning	(a) Date of commencement	(b) Anticipated date of completion	(c) Current progress	(d) Initial estimated expenditure (Approved project estimate/ Approximate cost for works under Category B) (\$million)	(e) Actual expenditure as at 31.3.2011 (\$million)	(f) Discrepancies between (d)and (e) and the reasons (\$million)
Widening of Tolo Highway / Fanling Highway between Island House Interchange and Fanling - Stage 2	Early 2013	Late 2017	Detailed design in progress	2,100	-	Discrepancy: 2,100 Reason: Detailed design of the project is in progress, and the remaining expenditure will be paid for according to works progress
Hong Kong - Zhuhai - Macao Bridge (HZMB) - funding support for the Main Bridge	Late 2009	Late 2016	Works in progress (including the planning of the Main Bridge)	9,046.5	817.1	Discrepancy: 8,229.4 Reason: Project is still in progress, and the remaining expenditure will be paid for according to works progress
Hong Kong Link Road of HZMB	Mid-2012	Late 2016	Completed the statutory procedures and tendering is now in progress	16,189.9	-	Discrepancy: 16,189.9 Reason: Funding approval was obtained from the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council in November 2011, and the project has yet to be commenced
Hong Kong Boundary Crossing Facilities of	Late 2011	Late 2016	Reclamation works and detailed design for	30,433.9	-	Discrepancy: 30,433.9 Reason: Funding

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HZMB-reclamation and superstructures			superstructures in progress			approval was obtained from the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council in November 2011, and the project commenced in late 2011. The remaining expenditure will be paid for according to works progress
Investigation and preliminary design for the Tuen Mun-Chek Lap Kok Link (TM-CLKL) and the Tuen Mun Western Bypass (TMWB)	Mid-2008	Late 2012	Statutory procedures, investigation and preliminary design for the TM-CLKL have been completed. Investigation and preliminary design for the TMWB is in progress	88.6	56.2	Discrepancy: 32.4 Reason: Project is in progress, and the remaining expenditure will be paid for according to works progress
Detailed design, site investigation and advance works for TM-CLKL	Late 2011	Early 2016	Advance reclamation works is in progress, and detailed design for its remaining works has been commenced	1,909.6	-	Discrepancy: 1,909.6 Reason: Funding approval was obtained from the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council in November 2011, and the project commenced in

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						late 2011. The remaining expenditure will be paid for according to works progress
Central Kowloon Route - cost of consultant's design and site investigation	June 2011	Under review	Detailed design of the project commenced in 2011 and is in progress	192.3	82.71	Discrepancy: 109.59 Reason: Project is in progress, and the remaining expenditure will be paid for according to works progress
Hiram's Highway Improvement Stage 1	Under review	Under review	Detailed design of the project is in progress	Under review	-	Detailed design of the project is in progress. Upon completion of such works, the Highways Department can then confirm the estimates and the dates of commencement and completion
Hiram's Highway Improvement Stage 2	Under review	Under review	Reviewing and assessing different improvement plans, and we expect to report the related improvement plans to the Sai Kung District Council in the first half of	Under review	-	Study and consultation of the project are in progress. Upon completion of such works, the Highways Department can then confirm the estimates and the dates of commencement and completion

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			2012 for members' comments. Public consultation will also be conducted for the project.			
Improvement to Pok Oi Interchange	Third quarter of 2012	Mid-2015	Detailed design has been completed. Tender documents and funding application are now being prepared	264.8	-	Discrepancy: 264.8 Reason: If funding approval can be obtained from the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council in April 2012, project can be commenced in the third quarter of 2012. The remaining expenditure will be paid for according to works progress
Provision of barrier-free access facilities at public footbridges, elevated walkways and subways - design and phase 1 construction works	August 2011	To be completed in phases and phase 3 will be completed in late 2015	Detailed design works for phases 2 and 3 commenced in August 2011 in phases	292.1 (including the cost of construction for phase 1)	-	Discrepancy: 292.1 Reason: Funding approval was obtained from the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council in July 2011, and the project commenced in late 2011. The remaining expenditure will

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Retrofitting of noise barriers on Tai Po Tai Wo Road near Po Nga Court	First quarter of 2012	Mid-2014	Detailed design has been completed and tendering is now in progress	96.6	-	Discrepancy: 96.6 Reason: Funding approval was obtained from the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council in May 2011, and the project commenced in the first quarter of 2012. The remaining expenditure will be paid for according to works progress
Retrofitting of noise barriers on Tuen Mun Road Town Centre Section (Investigation and preliminary design)	Under review	Under review	Study and consultation are in progress	Under review	-	Study of the project is in progress. Upon completion of such works, the Highways Department can then confirm the estimates and the dates of commencement and completion

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