

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Question:

As regards new buildings, the Buildings Department (BD) scrutinises and approves building plans, carries out audit checks on construction works and site safety, and issues occupation permits upon completion of new buildings:

- (a) What is the estimated expenditure for non-private new buildings (including new buildings of public sectors subject to the Buildings Ordinance) each year?
- (b) Regarding the Hung Hom Station works under the Shatin to Central Link (SCL) project, what is the expenditure incurred by BD under the project management plan in each of the past five years?
- (c) Regarding the Hung Hom Station works under the SCL project, what are the numbers of site audits, numbers and ranks of staff involved and departmental expenditure in each of the past five years?

Asked by: Hon CHU Hoi-dick (LegCo internal reference no.: 1053)

Reply:

- (a) Work in relation to the regulation of new buildings subject to the control of the Buildings Ordinance (BO) (including private buildings and public sector buildings subject to the control of the BO) is carried out by the two New Buildings Divisions of the Buildings Department (BD). BD is unable to provide a breakdown of the expenditure involved specifically for public sector buildings subject to the control of the BO.
- (b) & (c) The Highways Department (HyD) oversees the implementation of the Shatin to Central Link (SCL) Project. Specifically, HyD is involved in planning, monitoring and coordinating various activities associated with the implementation of the SCL Project. BD has seconded a BO Team to the HyD to handle matters related to the

building safety standards, practices and procedures of BD for the SCL Project and the Express Rail Link Project. HyD has employed a Monitoring and Verification Consultant (M&V Consultant) to support HyD in monitoring the works of MTRCL and assist the BO Team in respect of the compliance with the BO and other relevant requirements.

According to the information provided by HyD, as at 31 March 2019, the BO Team consisted of one Senior Structural Engineer, one Senior Building Surveyor, two Structural Engineers and two Building Surveyors, with a total staff cost of about \$6 million in 2018-19. Besides, the total number of regular site visits conducted by M&V Consultant under Contract No. 1112 “Hung Hom Station and Stabling Sidings” up to March 2019 is 29. HyD and its M&V Consultant also conducted ad-hoc site visits when necessary but HyD does not have statistics on ad-hoc site visits.

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