

LEGCO QUESTION NO. R078

Asked by: Hon Mrs Regina IP Lau Suk-ye

Replied by: Director of Civil Engineering and Development

Question:

Please provide in form of a table the estimated cost, updated progress and forecast completion date of each project related to the West Kowloon Cultural District (WKCD).

Now, the Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link (XRL) project is further delayed due to funding application problem. In view of overlapping between part of the XRL site area and the WKCD works site area, will the progress of the WKCD projects continued to be affected by the XRL's delay, which would result in increase in their estimated costs? If yes, what the details are; if not, what are the reasons?

Reply:

Civil Engineering and Development Department is responsible for the phased implementation of infrastructure works and Integrated Basement projects for WKCD. Up to date, funding approval has been obtained for three major public works projects with details shown in the table below:

Project No.	Project Title	Approved Project Estimate (\$ Million)	Current Progress and Forecast Completion Date
7753CL	Infrastructure works for West Kowloon Cultural District, phase 1 – design and site investigation	478.0	Project is in progress and anticipated for completion in stages by December 2017

Project No.	Project Title	Approved Project Estimate (\$ Million)	Current Progress and Forecast Completion Date
7790CL	Infrastructure Works for West Kowloon Cultural District, phase 1 – first construction package	840.5	Project is in progress and anticipated for completion in stages by the fourth quarter of 2018
7791CL	Integrated Basement for West Kowloon Cultural District – first and second stages of design, site investigation and construction works	2,919.5	Project is in progress and anticipated for substantial completion by the first quarter of 2019

The required site areas of the construction works as approved above only slightly overlap with the site area of the XRL West Kowloon Terminus (WKT) in WKCD. There is only minor impact arising from the progress of the XRL project.

As regards the remaining infrastructure works and Integrated Basement projects currently under planning and design, most of the site areas required by Zone 2 of the Integrated Basement mainly located in the middle of WKCD will overlap with the site area of the WKT. The construction programme and project estimate of the essential basement structures and associated infrastructure works for Zone 2 of the Integrated Basement may only be finalized pending completion of design and firming up the handing over date of the required WKT site area.