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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

S-THB(T)001

(Question Serial No. S054)

Head: (60) Highways Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (2) District and Maintenance Works
Controlling Officer: Director of Highways (Jimmy P M CHAN)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Transport and Housing

Question:

- (1) Subsequent to Reply Serial No. THB(T)019, the Government mentioned in the reply that the consultant for the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge (HZMB) Hong Kong Link Road (HKLR) project is Ove Arup & Partners Hong Kong Limited, with consultancy fee reaching \$40 million, while consultants for the reclamation and superstructures of HZMB Hong Kong Boundary Crossing Facilities (HKBCF) are Ove Arup & Partners Hong Kong Limited and AECOM Asia Company Limited, with total consultancy fee as high as \$354 million. Regarding the HZMB HKBCF project, will the Government advise this Committee of the amount of consultancy fee paid to Ove Arup & Partners Hong Kong Limited and AECOM Asia Company Limited respectively?
- (2) Will the Government provide this Committee with a breakdown of consultancy fees of the two projects mentioned above, and disclose part of the contract content to explain on the works processes covered by the relevant consultancy fees?
- (3) Subsequent to Reply Serial No. THB(T)011 raised by Hon CHAN Chi-chuen, the Government stated in the reply that the additional estimated expenditure on highways maintenance for the HZMB HKLR and the HZMB Hong Kong Port in 2019-20 are \$14.4 million and \$4.4 million respectively, while the relevant recurrent expenditure is estimated at \$539.2 million. In this regard, will the Government provide this Committee with the revenue or the anticipated revenue of the HZMB in 2018-19 so as to assess whether the project could break even?

Asked by: Hon FAN Kwok-wai, Gary (LegCo internal reference no.: 53)

Reply:

(1) & (2)

Project Title	Responsible Consultants	Consultancy Fee (\$ million)	Brief Scope of Consultancy
HZMB HKBCF - Reclamation Works	Ove Arup & Partners Hong Kong Limited	16 (Design Phase) 11 (Construction Phase)	Provide consultancy services during the design and construction phases of the HZMB HKBCF reclamation works
- Superstructures and Infrastructures	AECOM Asia Company Limited	196 (Design Phase) 131 (Construction Phase)	Provide consultancy services during the design and construction phases of the HZMB HKBCF superstructures and infrastructures
HZMB HKLR	Ove Arup & Partners Hong Kong Limited	12 (Design Phase) 28 (Construction Phase)	Provide consultancy services during the design and construction phases of the HZMB HKLR

(3)

The income of the HZMB Main Bridge (including the tolls) is used to repay the bank loan and meet the expenses of its daily operation and maintenance. The toll income is not received by the Hong Kong Government. The HZMB Authority is responsible for repair, maintenance and operation of the Main Bridge. It is not appropriate for us to disclose the relevant information unilaterally.

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**S-THB(T)002****(Question Serial No. S051)**Head: (186) Transport DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not SpecifiedProgramme: (1) Planning and DevelopmentControlling Officer: Commissioner for Transport (Ms Mable CHAN)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Transport and HousingQuestion:

Referring to the reply by the Government to Question Serial No. 1028 (Reply Serial No. THB(T)235) which provided the numbers of additional parking spaces for private cars and commercial vehicles provided under the various measures in 2018-19, please use the table below to provide the relevant information with a breakdown by district:

District	Private Cars		Commercial Vehicles				
	Parking spaces provided within new developments	Public parking spaces in new "Government, Institution or Community" (G/IC) facilities and short term tenancy (STT) car parks	Night-time on-street parking	Parking spaces provided within new developments	Public parking spaces in new G/IC facilities and STT car parks	Parking spaces within school premises	Coach parking spaces and pick-up/drop-off facilities
Central and Western							
Wan Chai							
Eastern							
Southern							
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Total	8 208	1 486	43	199	484	28	322

Asked by: Hon POON Siu-pingReply:

The numbers of additional parking spaces for private cars and commercial vehicles provided under the various measures by district in 2018-19 are as follows:

District	Private Cars		Commercial Vehicles				
	Parking spaces provided within new developments	Public parking spaces in new G/IC facilities and STT car parks	Night-time on-street parking	Parking spaces provided within new developments	Public parking spaces in new G/IC facilities and STT car parks	Parking spaces within school premises	Coach parking spaces and pick-up/drop-off facilities
Central and Western	420	-	-	-	-	-	3
Wan Chai	234	-	3	-	-	-	2
Eastern	637	12	-	41	31	6	42
Southern	275	-	7	100	-	-	105
Yau Tsim Mong	566	-	-	-	-	-	37
Sham Shui Po	195	-	-	2	-	-	-
Kowloon City	716	158	-	-	50	-	50
Wong Tai Sin	19	-	-	2	-	-	-
Kwun Tong	445	-	-	6	-	6	6
Tsuen Wan	1 063	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tuen Mun	321	-	10	-	-	-	-
Yuen Long	34	205	-	10	26	7	8
North	352	131	15	-	40	-	-
Tai Po	76	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sai Kung	1 322	-	-	13	-	5	18
Sha Tin	662	18	3	-	36	-	1
Kwai Tsing	62	268	5	11	287	4	50
Islands	809	694	-	14	14	-	-
Total	8 208	1 486	43	199	484	28	322

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

S-THB(T)003

(Question Serial No. S052)

Head: (186) Transport Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (2) Licensing of Vehicles and Drivers
Controlling Officer: Commissioner for Transport (Ms Mable CHAN)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Transport and Housing

Question:

Further to the Government's reply provided in response to my question (Question Serial No. 0409; Reply Serial No. THB(T)213), there are 49 approved employees' service serving the Hong Kong International Airport listed at Annex. Please provide the following further information:

- Among the 49 approved employees' services, which of them are operating early in the morning (between mid-night and 6 a.m.)?
- Does the Government keep record of the schedules of services of the non-franchised bus services mentioned above categorised by service areas in terms of District Council boundaries? If yes, please provide information of respective routes in table form.
- Among the 49 approved employees' service, five were jointly applied by different employers. What are the employers involved in these five services?

Asked by: Hon POON Siu-ping

Reply:

As at 28 February 2019, 16 out of the 49 approved employees' services serving the Hong Kong International Airport operate between mid-night and 6 a.m. The respective operating hours, service areas and total number of daily trips are tabulated at Annex 1. The respective employers of the five Multiple Employers Employees' Service serving the Airport Island are provided at Annex 2.

**Supplementary information on the approved Employees' Services
serving the Hong Kong International Airport**

(as at 28 February 2019)

No.	Employer(s)	Service Area(s) (District Council Districts)#	Operation Hours	Total Number of Daily Trips	Operation between 2400 and 0600 hours
1		E, Wch, CW, S, YTM, KC, WTS, KT, SSP, SK, ST, YL, KwT, N, TP, TM, TW, Is	00:27 - 23:27 (Mondays to Fridays, except Public Holidays)	67	Yes
			03:07 - 04:35 (Saturdays, Sundays and Public Holidays)	10	
2	Cathay Pacific Airways Limited	E, Wch, CW, S, YTM, KC, WTS, KT, SSP, SK, ST, YL, KwT, N, TP, TM, TW, Is	17:15 - 17:55 (Mondays to Fridays, except Public Holidays)	26	No
3		E, Wch, CW, SSP, YTM, KC, KT, YL, TM, TW, Is	00:20 - 05:05 (Mondays to Sundays, including Public Holidays)	8	Yes
4	Hong Kong Aircraft Engineering Company Limited	E, Wch, CW, S, YTM, KC, WTS, KT, SSP, SK, ST, YL, KwT, N, TP, TM, TW, Is	06:00 - 20:10 (Mondays to Sundays, including Public Holidays)	140 (Mondays to Fridays, including Public Holidays)	No
				59 (Saturdays, Sundays, including Public Holidays)	
5	Multiple employers represented by Hong Kong Airport Services Limited	Wch, CW, SSP, YTM, KwT, N, SK, TM, TW, Is	According to the flight schedule	According to the flight schedule	Not applicable

No.	Employer(s)	Service Area(s) (District Council Districts)#	Operation Hours	Total Number of Daily Trips	Operation between 2400 and 0600 hours
6	Cathay Pacific Airways Limited	YTM, SSP, TW, Is	02:30 (Mondays to Sundays, including Public Holidays)	1	Yes
7	DHL Aviation (Hong Kong) Limited	YTM, TW, TM, YL, Is	00:05 - 23:45 (Mondays to Fridays, including Public Holidays)	73	Yes
			00:08 - 23:45 (Saturdays, Sundays and Public Holidays)	77	
8	Hong Kong Air Cargo Terminals Limited	SSP, YTM, KwT, TW, Is	03:30 (Mondays to Sundays, including Public Holidays)	5	Yes
9		SSP, YTM, WTS, KT, KwT, TW, TM, YL, Is	03:30 (Mondays to Sundays, including Public Holidays)	4	Yes
10		SSP, YTM, WTS, KT, KwT, TW, TM, YL, Is	03:30 (Mondays to Sundays, including Public Holidays)	2	Yes
11	Jardine Air Terminal Services Limited	SSP, YTM, KwT, TW, Is	01:50 - 02:30 (Mondays to Sundays)	2	Yes
12		SSP, YTM, KwT, TW, Is	01:50 - 02:30 (Mondays to Sundays)	2	Yes
13		SSP, YTM, KwT, TW, Is	02:35 (Mondays to Sundays)	1	Yes
14	Air New Zealand Limited	Wch, Is	06:45 - 15:45 (Mondays to Sundays)	2	No

No.	Employer(s)	Service Area(s) (District Council Districts)#	Operation Hours	Total Number of Daily Trips	Operation between 2400 and 0600 hours
15	Austrian Airlines AG	Wch, Is	08:50 - 10:00 (Mondays to Sundays, including Public Holidays)	2	No
16	British Airways	Wch, Is	14:30 - 22:00 (Mondays to Sundays, including Public Holidays)	5	No
17	Cathay Pacific Airways Limited	E, Wch, CW, Is	17:30 (Mondays to Fridays, except Public Holidays)	1	No
18	China National Aviation Corporation (Group) Limited	E, Is	08:00 - 17:05 (Mondays to Fridays, except Public Holidays)	2	No
19	Emirates Airline	Wch, Is	05:35 - 22:40 (Mondays to Sundays, including Public Holidays)	6	Yes
20	John Swire & Sons (Hong Kong) Limited	E, CW, Is	08:30 - 16:30 (Mondays to Fridays, except Public Holidays)	2	No
21	Scandinavian Airlines System	Wch, Is	07:10 - 07:40 (Mondays to Sundays)	2	No
22	Singapore Airlines Limited	Wch, Is	00:00 - 23:00 (Mondays to Sundays)	6	Yes
23	Virgin Atlantic Airways Limited	Wch, Is	17:30 - 21:50 (Mondays to Sundays, including Public Holidays)	2	No
24	Air France	YTM, Is	18:30 - 20:30 (Mondays to Sundays, including Public Holidays)	2	No

No.	Employer(s)	Service Area(s) (District Council Districts)[#]	Operation Hours	Total Number of Daily Trips	Operation between 2400 and 0600 hours
25	Air Mauritius Limited	YTM, Is	11:15 - 11:30 (Mondays and Fridays only)	2	No
			11:00 - 11:30 (Thursdays only)		
26	Delta Air Lines, Inc	KC, Is	09:15 - 21:00 (Mondays to Sundays)	2	No
27	Lufthansa German Airlines	KC, Is	16:30 - 21:25 (Mondays to Sundays, including Public Holidays)	6	No
28	United Parcel Service Company	YTM, Is	According to the flight schedule	According to the flight schedule	Not applicable
29	Cathay Pacific Airways Limited	TW, TM, YL, Is	07:32 - 07:40 (Mondays to Fridays, except Public Holidays)	3	No
30		Is	12:10 - 13:50 (Mondays to Fridays, except Public Holidays)	4	No
31	Cathay Pacific Catering Services (Hong Kong) Limited	Is	12:20 - 13:45 (Mondays to Fridays, except Public Holidays)	4	No
32	Cathay Pacific Services Limited	Is	00:02 - 23:50 (Mondays to Sundays, including Public Holidays)	87	Yes
33	China Aircraft Services Limited	Is	08:00 - 08:10 (Mondays to Fridays, except Public Holidays)	2	No

No.	Employer(s)	Service Area(s) (District Council Districts) [#]	Operation Hours	Total Number of Daily Trips	Operation between 2400 and 0600 hours
34	China State Const. Eng. (Hong Kong) Limited	Is	07:00 - 18:35 (Mondays to Saturdays, except Public Holidays)	27	No
35		Is	07:45 - 17:15 (Mondays to Saturdays, except Public Holidays)	20	No
36		Is	07:45 - 17:45 (Mondays to Saturdays, except Public Holidays)	2	No
37	G4S Secure Solutions (Hong Kong) Limited	TM, YL, Is	06:00 - 19:45 (Mondays to Sundays, including Public Holidays)	4	Yes
38	Hong Kong Air Cargo Terminals Limited	Is	08:30 - 19:00 (Mondays to Fridays, except Public Holidays)	14	No
39		Is	08:45 - 19:00 (Mondays to Fridays, except Public Holidays)	12	No
40	Hong Kong Aircraft Engineering Company Limited	Is	06:55 - 20:05 (Mondays to Sundays, including Public Holidays)	12 (Mondays to Fridays)	No
				9 (Saturdays, Sundays and Public Holidays)	
41	Kai Shing Management Services Limited	TW, Is	09:00 - 18:10 (Mondays to Fridays, except Public Holidays)	44	No
42	Kai Shing Management Services Limited - AFFC	Is	08:00 - 20:05 (Mondays to Fridays, except Public Holidays)	54	No
			08:00 - 13:32 (Saturdays, except Public Holidays)	24	

No.	Employer(s)	Service Area(s) (District Council Districts) [#]	Operation Hours	Total Number of Daily Trips	Operation between 2400 and 0600 hours
43	Multiple employers represented by Airport Authority Hong Kong	Is	07:45 - 23:45 (Mondays to Sundays, including Public Holidays)	42	No
44	Waihong Environmental Services Limited	TM, YL, Is	00:10 (Mondays to Sundays, including Public Holidays)	1	Yes
45	ZHEC-CCCC-CDC Joint Venture	Is	07:50 - 17:50 (Mondays to Sundays)	26	No
46	Airport Authority Hong Kong	Is	09:00 - 17:50 (Mondays to Fridays, except Public Holidays)	4	No
47	Multiple employers represented by Airport Authority Hong Kong	Is	11:30 - 14:35 (Mondays to Fridays, except Public Holidays)	79	No
48		Is	00:00 - 02:00 (Mondays to Sundays, including Public Holidays)	7	Yes
49	Multiple employers represented by Hong Kong Airport Services Limited	Is	12:05 - 14:05 (Mondays to Fridays, except Public Holidays)	17	No

Abbreviation of District Council Districts

CW: Central and Western
E: Eastern
Is: Islands
KC: Kowloon City
KT: Kwun Tong
KwT: Kwai Tsing
N: North
S: Southern
SK: Sai Kung

SSP: Sham Shui Po
ST: Sha Tin
TM: Tuen Mun
TP: Tai Po
TW: Tsuen Wan
Wch: Wan Chai
WTS: Wong Tai Sin
YL: Yuen Long
YTM: Yau Tsim Mong

**Employers involved in
the Multiple Employers Employees' Service (MEES)
serving the Hong Kong International Airport**

Number in Annex 1	Employer Representative	Employers Involved in the MEES
5	Hong Kong Airport Services Limited	1. Hong Kong Airport Services Limited 2. Cathay Pacific Airways Limited 3. Hong Kong Dragon Airlines Limited
43	Airport Authority Hong Kong	1. Airport Authority Hong Kong 2. Hong Kong Observatory 3. Civil Aviation Department
47	Airport Authority Hong Kong	1. Airport Authority Hong Kong 2. Hong Kong Dragon Airlines Limited 3. Civil Aviation Department 4. Cathay Pacific Airways Limited 5. Asia Airfreight Terminal Company Limited 6. Tradeport Hong Kong Limited-Tradeport Logistics Centre 7. DHL Aviation (Hong Kong) Limited 8. Hong Kong Business Aviation Centre Limited 9. Hong Kong Air Cargo Terminals Limited 10. Cathay Pacific Services Limited 11. Airport Freight Forwarding Centre Company Limited 12. Hong Kong Aircraft Engineering Company Limited 13. Dah Chong Hong-Dragonair Airport GSE Service Limited
48	Airport Authority Hong Kong	1. Airport Authority Hong Kong 2. Airport Freight Forwarding Centre Company Limited 3. Asia Airfreight Terminal Company Limited 4. Cathay Pacific Catering Services (Hong Kong) Limited 5. Cathay Pacific Services Limited 6. Gate Gourmet Hong Kong Limited 7. Hong Kong Air Cargo Terminals Limited 8. LSG Lufthansa Service Hong Kong Limited
49	Hong Kong Airport Services Limited	1. Hong Kong Airport Services Limited 2. Cathay Pacific Airways Limited 3. Hong Kong Dragon Airlines Limited

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**S-THB(T)004****(Question Serial No. S055)**

Head: (186) Transport Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Licensing of Vehicles and Drivers

Controlling Officer: Commissioner for Transport (Ms Mable CHAN)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Transport and Housing

Question:

Following up on 'Question No.: 2783' and 'Reply No.: THB(T)218':

According to the reply of the Government, whatever processing the renewal of vehicle licence and the refund of licensing fee on the same day for the same vehicle, or processing the transfer of ownership twice or more on the same day for the same vehicle, the number of the vehicle classes of motorcycles and motor tricycles involved was more than that of private cars involved. Does the Government know the reason(s) for these?

Can the Government at the same time provide the numbers of transactions involving the transfer of ownership of the same vehicle at present (listed in two categories, namely (i) private car and (ii) motorcycle and motor tricycle)?

Numbers of Transactions Involving the Transfer of Ownership of the Same Vehicle	Private Car	Motorcycle and Motor Tricycle
1		
2-10		
11-20		
21-30		
31-40		
41-50		
More than 50		

Besides, according to the present record, what is the highest number of transaction of transfer of ownership of the same vehicle?

Asked by: Hon TAM Man-ho, Jeremy

Reply:

Under the current legislation, vehicle registration marks (VRMs) cannot be transferred from one person/company to another one direct. As required under Regulation 16 of the Road Traffic (Registration and Licensing of Vehicles) Regulations (Cap. 374E) (the “Regulations”), the VRM of a motor vehicle may be transferred only to a motor vehicle owned by the person who owns or previously owned the vehicle from which the VRM is to be transferred. Registered owner of a vehicle can hold a registration mark for a period of not exceeding 12 months. On the other hand, VRM can be transferred together with a vehicle. The Transport Department (TD) handles transfer of vehicle ownership in accordance with Regulation 17 of the Regulations.

Applications for the renewal of vehicle licence and the refund of fee on surrender of vehicle licence (i.e. refund of a portion relating to the unexpired period) are processed in accordance with Regulations 21 and 24 of the Regulations. The current legislation provides that the Commissioner, on the surrender to him of a valid vehicle licence, may make a refund of a portion of the licence fee paid for the licensing of the motor vehicle relating to the unexpired period of the surrendered vehicle licence in accordance with Schedule 6 of the Regulations.

Under the Regulations, registered owners of vehicles may submit applications to the TD for renewal of vehicle licence and refund of licensing fee, as well as transfer of ownership of the vehicles according to their own needs. The TD does not require the applicants to provide reasons for such requests.

As of 11 April 2019, the numbers of transactions involving the transfer of ownership of the same vehicle in respect of (i) private car and (ii) motorcycle and motor tricycle are tabulated below:

Numbers of Transactions Involving the Transfer of Ownership of the Same Vehicle	Private Car	Motorcycle and Motor Tricycle
1	132 963	12 463
2-10	204 920	28 826
11-20	2 020	3 581
21-30	36	2 181
31-40	0	1 514
41-50	0	1 119
More than 50	0	3 655

According to the Regulations, if a registered vehicle has not been issued / renewed with a vehicle licence for a period exceeding two years, the vehicle registration will be cancelled. To avoid cancellation of the registration of a vehicle, the registered owner of the vehicle

may renew the vehicle licence concerned even if the vehicle is not intended to be used on roads. According to the TD's record, the highest number of transactions involving transfer of ownership of the same vehicle was 1 791 times. The TD will examine the existing arrangement to see if there is any ground to review the relevant legislative provisions such that vehicle owners' genuine need to retain VRMs in case of change of vehicle ownership are catered for, while safeguarding that any facilitating arrangement would not be subject to abuse and hence giving rise to undue administrative burden on the vehicle licencing regime or undesirable roadworthiness concern.

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