

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Head: (60) Highways Department

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

Programme: (3) Railway Development

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Transport and Logistics

Question:

Under this Programme, the Highways Department established the Northern Metropolis Railways Office (NMRO) in 2023 to assist in taking forward railway projects relevant to the Northern Metropolis. In this connection, will the Government advise this Committee on the manpower and resources allocated for the work of NMRO in 2023-24 and 2024-25?

Asked by: Hon LOONG Hon-biu, Louis (LegCo internal reference no.: 12)

Reply:

The Highways Department (HyD) established the Northern Metropolis Railways Office (NMRO) in 2023-24. Four directorate posts comprising three supernumerary posts and one permanent post redeployed from the Railway Development Office (RDO) of HyD and 41 non-directorate posts comprising 20 newly created supernumerary posts and 21 existing permanent posts redeployed from the RDO of HyD were created for NMRO to assist in taking forward railway projects relevant to the Northern Metropolis. The salary expenditure of NMRO in 2024-25 (in terms of notional annual mid-point salary value) is approximately \$50 million.

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