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Question on progress of a through-train primary-cum-secondary school built in Discovery Bay

Ms Amy YUNG notified this Council that she would raise the following enquiry at the Islands District Council meeting to be held on 2 September this year:

“ The school site located at the junction of Discovery Bay Road and Siena Avenue was granted by the Government in 2002 for construction of a through-train primary-cum-secondary school, which was anticipated to be completed in 2016.

Residents of Discovery Bay (DB) have been eagerly waiting for the project over the years. I conducted questionnaire surveys on DB residents in June 2016 and received nearly 500 responses. Among the respondents, 27% indicated that their children travelled to Hong Kong Island, Kowloon or the New Territories to attend school, with 131 respondents citing the reason for not being allocated a school place in DB and 134 respondents attributing to the high tuition fees of DB schools. Moreover, 93% of the respondents considered it necessary to provide a local Direct Subsidy Scheme school in DB offering primary and secondary curriculum and implementing bilingual teaching; while 89% indicated that they might consider sending their children to the school, mainly because of shortening the travel time to and from school.

In this connection, I would like the Education Bureau to provide the progress of the through-train school and the anticipated completion time. ”

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