

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

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Controlling Officer : Director of Highways

Director of Bureau : Secretary for the Environment, Transport and Works

Question : To tie in with the development of the Sheung Shui to Lok Ma Chau Spur Line, what are the expenditure involved and manpower arrangement in 2006-07?

Asked by : Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply : The Sheung Shui to Lok Ma Chau Spur Line is constructed by the Kowloon-Canton Railway Corporation using its existing resources. The associated essential public infrastructure works (EPIW) and the Lok Ma Chau public transport interchange (PTI) are funded under two public works items with a total estimated expenditure of \$111.1 million in 2006-07.

Monitoring of the construction works of the new rail, the EPIW and the PTI is carried out by the Highways Department using its existing resources. The work is mainly carried out by one Chief Engineer, three Senior Engineers and five Engineers as part of their duties.

Signature _____

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