

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2007-08
**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

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Question :

Regarding the target of "issuing road excavation/road work permits within 12 days", both 2005 and 2006 have an achievement rate of 100% and the planned achievement rate for 2007 is also set at 100%. Will the Administration consider shortening the target time for issuing the permits? If yes, please provide the details. If not, please state the reasons.

Asked by : Hon. SHEK Lai-him, Abraham

Reply :

We will review the situation having regard to the actual processing time taken in the past few years, other competing priorities and the predicted number of permit applications to assess whether we can shorten the target time for issuing the permits.

Signature _____

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Post Title _____ Director of Highways

Date _____ 16 March 2007