

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

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Head : 60 – Highways Department Subhead :

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Question : In 2007-08, the Administration will prepare for the commencement of works for retrofitting of noise barriers on Tseung Kwan O Road, Tsing Tsuen Bridge and Yuen Shin Road. Please provide details about these efforts and the estimated expenditures.

Asked by : Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply :

The retrofitting of noise barriers, at the above three locations were authorised under the Roads (Works, Use and Compensation) Ordinance and their designs have been substantially completed. We consulted the Legislative Council Panel on Environmental Affairs on 26 February 2007 and obtained the Panel's support for the project. We will seek the Public Works Sub-Committee's endorsement on 18 April 2007, and the Finance Committee's approval on 11 May 2007 with regard to the funding application for these three projects. We will invite tenders for the works afterwards. The preparatory work is dealt with by in-house staff and there is no breakdown of the expenditure involved.

The estimated costs of the proposed works are \$129.9 million for the Tsing Tsuen Bridge project, \$142.1 million for the Tseung Kwan O Road project, and \$18.1 million for the Yuen Shin Road project.

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