

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

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Question :

Regarding the indicator of “expenditure on roadside slope works”, the estimated expenditure for 2007 is \$66.3 million. This amount is significantly smaller than the actual expenditure of \$126.9 million in 2006. What are the reasons for the drastic reduction?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply :

The difference between the actual expenditure in 2006 and the estimated expenditure in 2007 is due to the substantial completion of the Safe Access for Roadside Slopes Project in 2006. This project involves the construction of accesses to about 3 400 roadside slopes to facilitate maintenance contractors to carry out inspections and maintenance works safely.

Signature _____

Name in block letters _____ WAI CHI SING _____

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