

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

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Head : Capital Works Reserve Fund  
Head 706-Highways

Subhead (No. & title) :

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Programme :

Controlling Officer : Director of Highways

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

Question :

The estimated expenditure for Head 706 - Highways in 2007-08 is \$3,414,593,000. This represents a decrease of \$1,729,871,000 (33.6%) compared to the revised estimate of \$5,144,464,000 in 2006-07. Will the Administration please inform this Committee of the reasons for the drastic decrease in expenditure under this Head.

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Wai-yip, Albert

Reply :

The decrease in the estimated expenditure under Head 706 in 2007-08 as compared with that in 2006-07 is mainly due to the anticipated reduction of expenditure in 2007-08 for a number of major projects as these projects are progressing to their final stage of construction, which include Castle Peak Road Improvement between Sham Tseng and Ka Loon Tsuen, Tsuen Wan; Improvement to Castle Peak Road between Ka Loon Tsuen and Siu Lam; Route 8 between Cheung Sha Wan and Sha Tin; and Route 8 between Tsing Yi and Cheung Sha Wan - Ngong Shuen Chau Viaduct and the associated works.

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Post Title Director of Highways

Date 19 March 2007