

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

Reply Serial No.

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Head : Capital Works Reserve Fund
Head 706-Highways

Subhead (No. & title) : 6553TH

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Programme :

Controlling Officer : Director of Highways

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

Question :

What is the progress of the following project? How will the provision for 2007-08 be spent? What is the anticipated completion date of the project? Is it different from the anticipated completion date proposed at the time when the project was approved?

- (1) 6553TH: Castle Peak Road improvement between Sham Tseng and Ka Loon Tsuen, Tsuen Wan

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Wai-yip, Albert

Reply :

The improvement works for the 3.7-kilometre (km) long section of Castle Peak Road between Sham Tseng and Ka Loon Tsuen, except for a 400-metre (m) road section to the west of Tsing Lung Tau, was substantially completed in May 2006. The improved dual two-lane carriageway has been opened to traffic. The project was delayed by about 11 months against the forecast completion date of June 2005 at the time of funding approval.

The remaining 400-m road section to the west of Tsing Lung Tau, is anticipated to be substantially completed in June 2007. A provision of \$40 million has been made in 2007-08 mainly for payment of improvement works for the remaining 400-m road section and the associated resident site staff cost.

Signature _____

Name in block letters _____ WAI CHI SING _____

Post Title _____ Director of Highways _____

Date _____ 19 March 2007 _____