

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2007-08
**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Question :

The estimate for highways maintenance for 2007-08 is higher than that for 2006-07. What is the number of new highways involved in respect of the increase? Is the Hong Kong-Shenzhen Western Corridor one of the new highways involved?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Hok-ming

Reply :

The higher estimated cost for highways maintenance in 2007-08 is a result of the commissioning of several new major roads, including the section of Route 9 in Tsuen Wan, the Hong Kong-Shenzhen Western Corridor, Deep Bay Link, Route 8 between Tsing Yi and Sha Tin, and the section of Castle Peak Road between Tsuen Wan Area 2 and Sham Tseng.

Signature _____

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