

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 in the year on capital projects under design and construction” under the captioned programme, an estimated expenditure of \$3,200 million will be spent on capital projects under design and construction by consultants in 2007. This represents a decrease of \$1,600 million (33%) compared to the estimated expenditure of \$4,800 million in 2006. What are the reasons for the drastic decrease?

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Wai-yip, Albert

Reply :

The decrease in the estimated expenditure on capital projects under design and construction in 2007 as compared with that in 2006 is mainly due to the anticipated reduction of expenditure for a number of major projects in 2007 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.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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Date \_\_\_\_\_ 19 March 2007 \_\_\_\_\_