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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

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<u>Head</u>: Subhead (No. & title): Question Serial No. 60 - Highways Department

Programme: (1) Capital Projects

Controlling Officer: Director of Highways

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for the Environment, Transport and Works

Question:

In 2007-08, the Administration will prepare for the commencement of works for widening of Tuen Mun Road at Tsing Tin Interchange. Please inform this Committee of the details about such efforts, the latest progress and the expenditure involved.

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Wai-yip, Albert

Reply:

The project involves widening of the section of Tuen Mun Road at Tsing Tin Interchange from dual two-lane to dual three-lane, and its associated works. The pre-construction works of the project, including public consultation, are currently underway. It is anticipated that the project will be gazetted under the Roads (Works, Use and Compensation) Ordinance in mid 2007. Design of the project is mainly carried out by in-house staff resources and there is no breakdown on the expenditure involved for the work. A consultant has been appointed to undertake the Environmental Impact Assessment in accordance with the requirements of the Environmental Impact Assessment Ordinance at a cost of \$0.9 million. The estimated project cost is \$42.2 million.

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