

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

Reply Serial No.

ETWB(W)043

Head :
60 - Highways Department

Subhead (No. & title) :

Question Serial No.

1569

Programme : (2) District and Maintenance

Controlling Officer : Director of Highways

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

Question :

The estimate for the indicator of “expenditure on roadside slope works” is \$66.3 million under the captioned programme. This represents a decrease of \$51.7 million (43.8%) compared to the estimated expenditure of \$118 million in 2006. What are the reasons for the drastic decrease?

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Wai-yip, Albert

Reply :

The difference between the estimate in 2006 and 2007 is due to the substantial completion of the Safe Access for Roadside Slopes Project in 2006. This project involves the construction of accesses to about 3 400 roadside slopes to facilitate maintenance contractors to carry out inspections and maintenance works safely.

Signature _____

Name in block letters _____ WAI CHI SING _____

Post Title _____ Director of Highways _____

Date _____ 16 March 2007 _____