

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

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Programme :

Controlling Officer : Director of Highways

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Question :

In 2006-07, the approved estimate under General non-recurrent is \$603,000. However, the revised estimate has increased to \$1,112,000. Will the Administration please provide this Committee with the following information:

- (1) The revised estimate is almost a double of the approved estimate. What are the reasons for the significant increase?
- (2) Please provide a breakdown of the revised estimate.
- (3) The estimate for 2007-08 is \$300,000 only. This amount is significantly smaller than that of the approved and revised estimate in 2006-07. What are the reasons for such decrease?

Asked by : Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply :

The revised estimate for 2006-07 is higher than the approved estimate because additional studies and researches were identified and carried out during the year. A breakdown of the revised estimate is as follows:

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			Revised estimate 2006-07 \$'000
	Item No.	Description	
(a)	524	Implementation of ISO 14001 Environmental Management System in Highways Department	220
(b)	911	Independent Review of the Trial Public Private Partnership Maintenance Contract	126
(c)	916	Research on Fire Protection to Tunnel Structures	266
(d)	964	Study on the Properties of Repair Mortars for Concrete Carriageway	500
		Total	1,112

The estimate of \$300,000 for 2007-08 is lower than the revised estimate for 2006-07 as all the items listed above were completed in 2006-07, except item (a).

Signature _____

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Post Title Director of Highways

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