

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2007-08
**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Programme : (1) Capital Projects

Controlling Officer : Director of Highways

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Question :

Regarding the investigation and preliminary design of the Central Kowloon Route under *Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2007-08* of the Highways Department, will the Administration provide this Council with information on the following questions?

- (1) As there may be some buildings of historical and conservation values located on the Central Kowloon Route, will the Administration invite other departments to participate in the investigation? If yes, please list the departments to be invited. If not, please state the reasons for not involving other departments.
- (2) When will the investigation and preliminary design be completed? Will the result be made public?

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Yuen-han

Reply :

- (1) We will invite bureaux and departments concerned to participate in the study, investigation and preliminary design for the Central Kowloon Route (CKR). They include Home Affairs Bureau, Home Affairs Department, Antiquities and Monuments Office of Leisure and Cultural Services Department, Environmental Protection Department, Tourism Commission, Planning Department, etc.
- (2) We have submitted the funding application to the Legislative Council for the study, investigation and design of the CKR. Subject to approval of the Finance Committee, we plan to commence the study and investigation in August 2007. We will consult the public throughout the course of the study, and will only commence the detailed design upon acceptance of an alignment scheme. We plan to complete the detailed design work by 2012. During the course of the consultation, we will make known the study findings to the public to facilitate discussions.

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