

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

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Programme : (1) Capital Projects

Controlling Officer : Director of Highways

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

Question :

Whilst the target of works contracts completed in accordance with agreed programmes is 95% in 2007, the actual completion rate in 2006 is 75% only. Will the government provide this Committee with answers to the following questions?

- (1) Why did the actual figure of 2006 fall short of the target by 20%?
- (2) How many projects are involved in respect of the 20%?
- (3) With the number of works projects completed falling short of the target by 20%, is there any additional expenditure entailed for the government? If yes, please provide details about the expenditure entailed by the 20% of works contracts that have yet to be completed. If not, please state the reasons.

Asked by : Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply :

- (1) and (2) This performance target of the Highways Department covers four works contracts. Among them, the contract for the Design and Build of Fortress Hill Pedestrian Link was delayed. The project was originally intended for completion by October 2006. The lifts and the escalator have been substantially completed and opened to the public in mid February 2007. It is anticipated that the remaining works of the project will be substantially completed in June 2007.
- (3) The delay in the completion of the above contract has not imposed changes to the original contract sum.

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Date 16 March 2007