

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

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Head :
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Programme : (1) Capital Projects

Controlling Officer : Director of Highways

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

Question :

Regarding the target under the captioned programme, it is anticipated that 95% of the works contracts will be completed in accordance with agreed programmes in 2007. However, the completion rate in 2006 is only 75%. Please list out the works items which have yet to be completed in accordance with agreed programmes, the additional expenditures involved and the reasons for failing to complete these works contracts in accordance with agreed programmes.

Asked by : Hon. LEONG Kah-kit, Alan

Reply :

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. The delay in the anticipated completion date of this project has not imposed changes to the original contract sum.

Signature _____

Name in block letters _____ WAI CHI SING _____

Post Title _____ Director of Highways _____

Date _____ 16 March 2007 _____