

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

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Question :

Regarding the study in respect of the Central Kowloon Route, the main point of contention is that the Central Kowloon Route will pass through the Yau Ma Tei Police Station. As various bureaux and departments are being invited by the Administration to take part in the study in respect of the Central Kowloon Route, will the Administration guarantee that the alignment of the Central Kowloon Route will entirely avoid the Yau Ma Tei Police Station?

Asked by : Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply :

In the proposed study and investigation of the Central Kowloon Route project, we will review previous alignment proposals and develop new alignment options, including one which allows preservation of the Yau Ma Tei Police Station. Each option will be evaluated from the economic, social and environmental perspectives with particular attention to the preservation of built heritage. We will fully consult the respective District Councils, local groups, hawker representatives, professional bodies, academics and other interested parties, with a view to developing a preferred alignment scheme. We will also report to the Legislative Council at various stages of the study and investigation.

Signature _____

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Date _____ 23 March 2007