

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2008-09

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

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Head: 60 - Highways Department Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (1) Capital Projects

Controlling Officer: Director of Highways

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Transport and Housing

Question:

The Administration will prepare for the commencement of works for the project of Central – Wanchai Bypass and Island Eastern Corridor Link under this programme in 2008-09. Please advise this Council of the estimated expenditure of the preparatory work and the details of the work. Is there any provision earmarked for studying ways to improve the alignment and design of Central – Wanchai Bypass in response to the public's views about the planning proposal for the sites concerned?

Asked by: Hon. LEONG Kah-kit, Alan

Reply:

We have earmarked \$29.579 million in 2008-09 for the preparation work including detailed design, temporary traffic diversion schemes and tender documents for construction contracts.

From May 2005 to June 2007, under the steer of the then Sub-committee on Wan Chai Development Phase II Review of Harbour-front Enhancement Committee, a comprehensive public engagement exercise entitled "Harbour-front Enhancement Review-Wan Chai, Causeway Bay & Adjoining Areas" was conducted. Public views and inputs on the alignments of Central-Wan Chai Bypass and Island Eastern Corridor Link (Trunk Road) and the associated harbour front land uses were gathered. All such views have been fully considered in developing the proposed Trunk Road alignment. As the alignment development has been completed, no further funding provision is earmarked for the purpose.

Signature _____

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Post Title Director of Highways

Date 25 March 2008