

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

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Head: 60 - Highways Department Subhead 000 Operational
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Controlling Officer: Director of Highways

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Question:

The estimate for 2008-09 under this programme is \$53.2 million higher than the revised estimate for 2007-08. This is mainly due to the increased provision for structural maintenance service for Route 8 between Tsing Yi and Sha Tin, filling of vacancies and creation of 27 posts in 2008-09. Please specify the expenditure involved for each of these items.

Asked by: Hon. CHENG Kar-foo, Andrew

Reply:

The major increases in the expenditure under Programme (4) Technical Services are as follows -

- (a) \$37.4 million for structural maintenance service for Route 8 between Tsing Yi and Sha Tin;
- (b) \$4.7 million for filling of vacant posts; and
- (c) \$8.0 million for creation of 27 posts. The annual staff cost, in terms of notional annual mid-point salary value, is \$7.1 million with the rest being personnel related expenses.

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