## Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2008-09

## CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

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<u>Head</u>: 60 - Highways Department

(1) Capital Projects

Controlling Officer: Director of Highways

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Transport and Housing

## **Question**:

Programme:

It is mentioned under Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2008-09 that the Highways Department will complete the highway works related to the 2008 Olympic and Paralympic Equestrian Events in 2008-09. What are the details of the highway works and the amount of funding involved? Are the works permanent or temporary in nature? Will reinstatement works be carried out on the roads concerned after the conclusion of the Olympic and Paralympic events?

Subhead (No. & title):

Asked by: Hon. KWONG Chi-kin

## Reply:

Details of the road works related to the 2008 Olympic and Paralympic Equestrian Events, which will be completed before the Events start, are as follows -

| Item | Facility  | Location   | Completion date   | Cost          |
|------|---|--|-------------------|---------------|
| 1.   | Temporary transport interchange   | Chak Cheung Street<br>outside MTR<br>University Station          | End June<br>2008  | \$6.9 million |
| 2.   | Traffic management measures including signages, road markings, tactile warning strips, pick up/set down bays, railings, bicycle racks, etc. | Yuen Wo Road Circuit<br>leading to the event<br>venue in Sha Tin | Early August 2008 | \$2.0 million |
| 3.   | Traffic management<br>measures including signages,<br>road markings, tactile<br>warning strips, railing, etc.                               | Shatin Town Centre<br>near the Olympic<br>Village                | Early August 2008 | \$1.3 million |

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| 4.   | Footpath widening and street furniture modification (railings, bicycle rack, etc.) | Fan Kam road, Po Kin<br>Road and Chi Fuk<br>Circuit, Fanling  | Early August 2008 | \$0.2 million |
| 5.   | Modification of street<br>furniture (railings, bicycle<br>racks, etc.)             | Around Pak Wo Road,<br>MTR Fanling Station  | Early August 2008 | \$0.2 million |
| 6.   | Traffic management measures including signages, road markings, etc.                | Ching Shing Road, Po<br>Kin Road, Fan Kam<br>Road, Kam Tsin Road,<br>Choi Fat Street and<br>Fanling Highway | Early August 2008 | \$0.6 million |

For Item 1, the temporary transport interchange will be used for providing shuttle bus service between the event venue in Sha Tin and MTR University Station. After the events, the area will be reverted to its original land use. For the remaining items, with the exception of the permanent improvement works such as footpath widening, modification of bicycle racks etc., most of the measures are temporary in nature and the affected areas will be reinstated to their original conditions after the events.

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