

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Question:

With regard to improving the environment for pedestrians:

1. what is the latest progress of the implementation of pedestrian schemes in various districts?
2. what is the expenditure involved in 2006-07, 2007-08 and 2008-09?
3. did the Administration conduct any review or take follow-up action upon completion of these schemes? If yes, please provide details.

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Reply:

1. Since March 2000, we have implemented seven sections of full-time pedestrian streets, 30 sections of part-time pedestrian streets and 40 sections of traffic calming streets in Central, Wan Chai, Causeway Bay, North Point, Stanley, Tsim Sha Tsui, Jordan, Mong Kok, Sham Shui Po, Yuen Long and Sheung Shui. We plan to implement more traffic calming streets in Wan Chai, Yau Tsim Mong and Sham Shui Po.
2. The expenditure involved in 2006-07, 2007-08 and 2008-09 is as follows :

District	Location	Expenditure (\$ million)		
		2006-07	2007-08	2008-09 (Revised estimate)
Wan Chai	Yun Ping Road (between Kai Chiu Road and Leighton Road) Lee Garden Road Paterson Street (between Great George Street and Kingston Street) Great George Street (between Paterson Street and Gloucester Road) Lockhart Road (between Cannon Street and East Point Road) Yiu Wah Street	0.1	0.6	0.3

District	Location	Expenditure (\$ million)		
		2006-07	2007-08	2008-09 (Revised estimate)
Yau Tsim Mong	Nanking Street (between Nathan Road and Shanghai Street) Pilkem Street (between Jordan Road and Austin Road) Temple Street (between Jordan Road and Kansu Street) Woosung Street (between Jordan Road and Kansu Street) Parkes Street (between Jordan Road and Saigon Street) Bowring Street (between Nathan Road and Parkes Street) Ning Po Street (between Nathan Road and Shanghai Street) Saigon Street (between Parkes Street and Shanghai Street) Pak Hoi Street (between Nathan Road and Shanghai Street) Shanghai Street (between Jordan Road and Kansu Street)	1.5	1.8	1.0
Sham Shui Po	Fuk Wa Street (between Yen Chow Street and Nam Cheong Street) Pei Ho Street (between Yu Chau Street and Un Chau Street) Fuk Wing Street (between Yen Chow Street and Nam Cheong Street) Kweilin Street (between Yu Chau Street and Un Chau Street) Yu Chau Street (between Yen Chow Street and Nam Cheong Street) Nam Cheong Street (between Un Chau Street and Yu Chau Street) Apliu Street (between Yen Chow Street and Nam Cheong Street)	1.2	1.9	1.2
	Total expenditure	2.8	4.3	2.5

3. We monitor the effectiveness of the implemented pedestrian schemes on an on-going basis. The schemes are effective in improving pedestrian circulation, and in eliminating pedestrian/vehicle conflict. However, certain street management issues have arisen. Street performances, fund raising, commercial promotion activities etc occupy some road space causing nuisances and arousing public concerns. All the concerned departments have been taking follow up actions to rectify the problem and the situation has now generally improved. They will continue to monitor the situation and strengthen the enforcement action as necessary. In the Yau Tsim Mong District, for example, the District Council has set up an inter-departmental working group on pedestrianisation in Mong Kok including the Transport

Department, Hong Kong Police Force, Home Affairs Department, Food and Environmental Hygiene Department and Lands Department, to enhance the coordination in dealing with the street management issues.

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